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PREFACE

When the records of the late Bhopal State were taken over by the Government of India in 1954, they were in a deplorable condition. Consequently efforts were made not only to rehabilitate them but also to make them available to scholars through inventories and other finding aids. This Descriptive List is the first volume in a series which is being compiled with a view to bringing to light a useful collection of records classified as Mutiny Papers. I am grateful to my colleagues Shri M. H. Rizawi and Shri A. I. Tirmizi who assisted me in bringing out this List. My thanks are also due to the members of the Oriental Records Division for their co-operation.

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INTRODUCTION

Among the records in the custody of the National Archives of India, Bhopal, there exists a unique collection of documents which have been classified as "Mutiny Papers". This collection consists of about four hundred files, dealing with the events of 1857 and the part played by the Bhopal State in the Mutiny. But at the time of their transfer to the National Archives of India, Bhopal, these papers were found in a deplorable condition. Not only the files were disarranged, but most of the pages were loose and scattered. Efforts had, therefore, to be made to rehabilitate and rearrange this valuable collection of records. Most of the files have now been restored to their original order, but some gaps still remain in certain files and it is doubtful whether it will ever be possible to fill them.

The present volume contains the list of papers comprising the first twenty-six files in the collection and covers the period from 21 *Ramazan* 1273 A. H. to 5 *Ramazan* 1275 A.H. or from 16 May 1857 A.D. to 9 April 1859 A.D. The files contain communications addressed by the various officers of the Bhopal State to the Ruler of Bhopal as also to one another regarding the events of the Mutiny, and the *parwanas* addressed to these officers by the Ruler. The communications of Munshi Bhawani Prasad to Nawab Sikandar Begam and the latter's *parwanas* addressed to the former, form the most interesting pages among the Mutiny Papers listed in the present volume. They throw a flood of light on the events of the Mutiny in India in general, and in Central India in particular. The communications are mostly in Persian and are written mainly in the *Shikasta* script.

It may be recalled that the rulers of Bhopal had all along been loyal to the British Government. Nawab Sikandar Begam was the ruler of Bhopal when the Mutiny broke out in India. This was the second period of her reign (1844-68 A.D.), when she was ruling the State on behalf of her infant daughter Shah Jahan Begam, afterwards ruler of Bhopal (1868-1901 A. D.). Nawab Sikandar Begam was a ruler of unusual tact and intellect, and she personally looked after all the affairs of the State.

As soon as the Mutiny broke out in Central India, Nawab Sikandar Begam took immediate and effective steps to prevent its outbreak in the Bhopal State. In this task she was confronted with the triple responsibility of maintaining peace and tranquillity in the State itself, where the *maulavis* were clamouring for a *jihad* or battle in the name of religion; suppressing the activities of some of the rebel *jagirdars*, like Adil Muhammad Khan and Fazil Muhammad Khan; and keeping up the financial resources of the State, which were in the most depleted condition. But the Begam proved equal to the task, and by her administrative talent she could tide over the crisis successfully.

The difficulties of Nawab Sikandar Begam had increased manifold as her relations with her mother Nawab Qudsia Begam as well as with her own daughter Shah Jahan Begam were extremely bitter, and both of them were trying to undo the work of the former. Nawab Qudsia Begam's bitterness had

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its origin in her unsuccessful attempt to retain the ruling powers even after the marriage of Nawab Sikandar Begam for whom she was acting as regent. Ever since she was forced to give up the administration of the State in favour of Jahangir Muhammad Khan, husband of Sikandar Begam, her attitude had become most non-cooperative and sulky. During the Mutiny, Nawab Sikandar Begam had to make repeated requests to her mother not to allow the insurgents to take refuge within her *jagir*. Even the Ruler's requests for financial assistance remained either unattended to or received evasive replies from the dowager Begam.

Shah Jahan Begam, daughter of Nawab Sikandar Begam, on whose behalf the latter was governing the State, was also extremely suspicious of her mother's designs. This is evident from the fact that a simple query from the Ruler about Shah Jahan Begam's opinion regarding the names of faithful persons in the army to be posted as guards at the palaces, elicited the reply that she (Shah Jahan Begam) was not plotting against the Ruler and as such there was no necessity to post guards at her palace.

It was perhaps due to these internal dissensions and bickerings that Nawab Sikandar Begam chose to join hands with the Britishers during the Mutiny of 1857, in spite of the fact that most of the neighbouring States had risen in revolt against the British power in India. The Begam knew that she could confidently depend upon the strength of the British arms, since the fortunes of the Indian chiefs were always waning and waxing. She, therefore, fully discharged the obligations of friendship and rendered all possible help to the British army at critical times. It will be difficult to find any other Indian Ruler who was so consistently faithful to the British power throughout the difficult and troublesome period of the Mutiny.

Nawab Sikandar Begam's first care was to meet the unusual drain on the State treasury due to the heavy expenses incurred during the Mutiny. To face this financial crisis, she exhausted all possible resources. She not only approached her mother, Nawab Qudsia Begam, for financial help, but also requested the various *sardars* or nobles of the State to render every assistance in this important matter. She even approached the rich bankers and merchants of Bhopal for obtaining loan at a fixed rate of interest. It was due to these timely measures that the Begam was able to keep her troops regularly paid. Throughout the period of Mutiny, it would be difficult to find any instance where the pay of the troops had fallen in arrears. References are available among the Mutiny Papers which show that Nawab Sikandar Begam sent money to Sehore for disbursing the salary of the army stationed there. One Mama Qahhar Khan, who was suspected of rebellious intentions, was threatened with dismissal for refusing to accept his pay and subsequently discharged from service.

Nawab Sikandar Begam also adopted certain measures of economy in order to tide over the economic crisis created by the Mutiny. She issued an order reducing the pay of torch-bearers appointed at the forts of Raisen, Sewans and Chaukigarh. She also issued orders to the commanders and district officers to discharge all sepoys who were recruited over and above the strength sanctioned for the various places in the State.

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During the Mutiny, Nawab Sikandar Begam resorted to a novel method of recruiting soldiers for the Bhopal Army. She ordered the district officers to recruit twenty-five men from every *pargana*. But at the same time she insisted upon the efficiency of the troops to be recruited. The district officers, therefore, found it difficult in many cases to recruit the requisite number of efficient soldiers from each *pargana*. The Begam's anxiety to keep up the efficiency of the army is also evident from her orders that while discharging soldiers, only those should be retrenched who were found inefficient or lethargic, whereas the efficient ones should be retained irrespective of the fact whether they were temporary or permanent.

Nawab Sikandar Begam paid minute attention to the comforts of the troops. While enforcing strict discipline in the army, she also saw that proper arrangements were made for providing the soldiers with food, medicine and shelter. She deputed Hakim John D' Silva to Sehore to attend on the sick soldiers there and even saw to it that the sentiments of the troops were not injured in any way. When a report was made to her about the presence of particles of bone in the sugar sold at Sehore, she at once ordered an enquiry to be made into the matter and tried her best to pacify the troops. The army also received its due share of praise and approbation from the Ruler, and it was not infrequent that the army officers found *parwanas* addressed to them by her, offering them encouragement and praising them for their loyalty and bravery. She also kept on advising the sepoys not to be influenced by the mutineers and not to be swayed by their assertions that the Britishers were trying to interfere with the religion of Indians. In this way by her skill and tact as well as her good behaviour, Nawab Sikandar Begam managed to keep the army under control during the Mutiny, and it is no wonder that the army reciprocated her kind sentiments by their loyalty and obedience.

The most vulnerable part of the Bhopal State was its southern portion which was contiguous to the British district of Hoshangabad, with the river Narbada flowing between the British and the State territories. There was a regular ferry service and besides the river was fordable at many points. It, therefore, provided an easy passage to the mutineers to cross into the State. Nawab Sikandar Begam took adequate steps to guard this area against the unauthorised entry of the insurgents. She issued orders that all armed persons who entered the State without authority, should be apprehended and handed over to the police. She also instructed the collectors and other officers of the State to keep her posted with the latest information regularly.

In order to prevent panic and to suppress the activities of the insurgents, Nawab Sikandar Begam strictly prohibited the circulation of all seditious notices and pamphlets and ordered that every such notice found lying on the road or stuck on the walls, should be sent to her immediately. She instituted a strict enquiry against one Abdul Qayyum who was alleged to have received and distributed 500 copies of a pamphlet issued by the insurgents, inciting the Hindus and Muslims in India to rise in revolt against the British Government as it was trying to interfere with their religious affairs. In order to counteract the effect of the above pamphlet, the Begam published another pamphlet from the Sikandari Press, Bhopal, denying that the British Government was interfering in the religious practices of the Indians. She also had the copy of

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the statement issued by the Governor-General of India, refuting the charges levelled by the mutineers against the British Government, as well as a copy of the *Calcutta Gazette* on the subject, circulated among the officers and men of the Bhopal Army, and asked them to give no credence to the allegations of the insurgents.

As an additional step to ease the public mind, Nawab Sikandar Begam posted guards to patrol the markets etc. at Sehore and other places. She also asked the bankers and merchants to employ their own guards for the protection of their life and property. However, in the case of those who could not afford to do so, she ordered the State guards to be posted for their protection. All district officers were ordered to report to her every case of loot or plunder committed by the insurgents within their respective areas, and troops were immediately despatched for suppressing the rebels on receipt of such information from any quarter. Nawab Sikandar Begam also maintained strict supervision over the supply of arms and ammunition to the troops. Regular account was maintained of the articles of magazine issued from the fort of Fatehgarh at Bhopal. This account was regularly submitted by the officers concerned for the perusal of the Ruler who issued necessary orders after scrutinizing it.

Nawab Sikandar Begam appears to have evolved a system of espionage during the Mutiny. Apart from the detailed reports which she received regularly from the various officers on every minute affair, she issued orders for the appointment of one Khwaja Muhammad Akram for the purpose of submitting to her regular reports about the opinion of the public in general in Bhopal, and other current news during the Mutiny. But the one occasion when she employed her spy system to the full extent, was during her campaign against Garhi Ambapani. Adil Muhammad Khan and Fazil Muhammad Khan, *jagirdars* of the place, had long standing enmity against the Ruler of Bhopal, and so during the Mutiny they joined hands with the insurgents against Nawab Sikandar Begam, who was loyal to the British Government. The Begam, therefore, deputed a strong force to subdue the rebel *jagirdars*. But, in fact, it was her strategy in winning over some Gonds in the service of the *jagirdars* that enabled her to reduce Garhi Ambapani.

It appears that Sehore played quite an important part in the history of Bhopal during the Mutiny. It was the headquarters of the Agent to the Governor-General till 1842 and of the Political Agent at Bhopal thereafter, while the Bhopal Contingent was also stationed there. Sehore is situated to the East of Indore, at a distance of about twenty-five miles from Bhopal, within the boundary of the latter State. It was at this place that Colonel Durand, Agent to the Governor-General in Central India, was given temporary asylum after retreating from Indore, and was then escorted along with Mr. Rickards, the Political Agent, to Hoshangabad by the Bhopal Contingent. Nawab Sikandar Begam also gave shelter to many fugitives, including British women and children, who came to Bhopal. By her unstinted help to the British troops at this time, the Begam proved herself a staunch supporter and faithful ally of the British Government in India.

But the one person who figures most prominently among the Mutiny Papers listed in this volume, is Munshi Bhawani Prasad, *vakil* of the Bhopal State during the Mutiny. He was stationed at Sehore at that time in order to

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maintain direct contact with the British Political Agent. Apart from serving as a channel of intercourse between the Political Agent and Nawab Sikandar Begam, the *vakil* appears to have enjoyed vast supervisory powers in civil as well as military matters. It was he who was directly or indirectly entrusted with the task of maintaining peace and tranquillity at Sehore, of keeping an eye on the Bhopal Army stationed at Sehore, and of protecting the State troops from the demoralising influence of the activities of the insurgents. Munshi Bhawani Prasad appears to have enjoyed unlimited confidence of the Ruler, and was favoured with her orders and communications even on most secret and confidential matters of the State. In return, the State *vakil* kept the Ruler regularly posted with the latest information on every subject connected with the Mutiny, in which she might be interested. Views of the Political Agent on different matters, news about the movements and activities of the mutineers in the vicinity of Bhopal and other places, state of affairs in the various neighbouring States and *jagirs*, news about the arrival of British troops at Calcutta from England, conduct of the various officers of the State and condition of the army were some of the numerous subjects on which the State *vakil* addressed the Ruler.

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Correspondence between the Begam of Bhopal and her vakil, *Munshi Bhawani Prasad, relating to various incidents of 1857*

File No.	Page	Date of writing	Writer	Addressee	Contents in brief	Remarks
1	1	22 *Ramazan* 1273 (17 May 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	The Political Agent's account of disturbances in the army at Meerut consequent upon the distribution of cartridges.	Original.
"	3	23 *Ramazan* 1273 (18 May 1857)	Do.	Do.	News about the departure of the army from Sehore to Indore.	Do.
"	5	25 *Ramazan* 1273 (20th May 1857)	Do.	Do.	The Political Agent's account of disturbances at Meerut and Delhi.	Do.
"	7	29 *Ramazan* 1273 (24 May 1857)	Do.	Do.	Information given by Col. Trevors regarding the quelling of disturbances at all places except Delhi and its suburbs.	Do.
"	9	1 *Shawwal* 1273 (25 May 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Qudsia Begum had been informed of the disturbances at Meerut.	Copy.
"	11	2 *Shawwal* 1273 (26 May 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	The Political Agent has no objection to disclosing the news of disturbances at Delhi and Meerut to Nawab Qudsia Begam.	Original.
"	13	Do.	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Baqi Muhammad Khan has been informed of the disturbances at Meerut.	Copy.
"	15	8 *Shawwal* 1273 (1 June 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Account of disturbances in the army at Ferozepore and Jaipur and news about the departure of a detachment of the army for Indore to relieve the Bhopal Contingent.	Original.
"	17	Do.	Do.	Do.	The Political Agent has been informed that the account of incidents at Meerut and Delhi was communicated to Nawab Shah Jahan Begam, Nawab Baqi Muhammad Khan and Nawab Qudsia Begam.	Do.

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1	19	9 *Shawwal* 1273 (2 June 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	News of the departure of Col. Trevors for Indore.	Original.
,,	21	10 *Shawwal* 1273 (3 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	The family of Adjutant Bayley has been permitted to come to Bhopal for safety.	Copy.
,,	23	Do.	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Conversation with the Political Agent regarding accommodation for a detachment of army and two guns arrived at Sehore from Bhopal, and news of disturbances at Nasirabad.	Original.
,,	25	Do.	Do.	Do.	Conversation overheard about taking the treasury and magazine to Bhopal.	This is a post-script to the preceding letter without Munshi Bhawani Prasad's signature but written in his own hand.
,,	27	Do.	Do.	Do.	Delivery of the Begam's *parwana* to the Political Agent regarding safety of the English women.	Original.
,,	29	11 *Shawwal* 1273 (4 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Do.	Copy.
,,	31	Do.	Munshi Bhawani Prashad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	News received by telegram from Akbarabad (Agra) about the disturbances at Delhi and Meerut and particulars of a meeting between Murawwat Muhammad Khan and the Political Agent.	Original.
,,	33	Do.	Do.	Do.	News of the excesses of the rebels at Delhi and their defeat and about the Bhopal Contingent that it has not so far shown any signs of rebellion.	Do.

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,,	35	12 *Shawwal* 1273 (5 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	Views of the Political Agent regarding the tardiness of the Commander-in-Chief and possibility of requisitioning one lakh soldiers from England.	Do.
,,	37	Do.	Do.	Do.	News about the disturbances created by the rebels of Delhi at Ghaziuddinnagar.	Do.
,,	39	Do.	Do.	Do.	Col. Trevors waits for the proper time when he would ask Lady Bayley and her children to come to Bhopal.	Do.
,,	41	13 *Shawwal* 1273 (6 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	News about the death of the Commander-in-Chief, General Anson.	Do.
,,	43	14 *Shawwal* 1273 (7 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	Views of Col. Durand, Agent to the Governor-General, Central India, regarding the loyalty of the Ruler of Bhopal to the English Government.	Do.
,,	45	15 *Shawwal* 1273 (8 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	The Political Agent's account of rebellion in the army at Nimach, Nasirabad and Mhow and news about the cancellation of the order regarding the distribution of cartridges.	Do.
,,	49	16 *Shawwal* 1273 (9 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	Account of rebellion in the army at Peshawar, Nimach and Nasirabad.	Do.
,,	51	17 *Shawwal* 1273 (10 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	The Political Agent informed of Murawwat Muhammad Khan's procrastination and Muhammad Hasan Khan's ignorance of military affairs.	Do.
,,	53	Do.	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Assurance to the Political Agent, Mr. Rickards, of the loyalty of the Ruler of Bhopal to the British Government.	Copy.
,,	55	Do.	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	The Political Agent desires that the person who brought the seditious pamphlet from Delhi be found out and executed.	Original.
,,	57	19 *Shawwal* 1273 (12 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	Col. Trevors' intention to leave Bhopal for Indore, and necessity of strict vigilance over the movements of the Contingent of Bhopal.	Do.

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1	59	21 *Shawwal* 1273 (14 June 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Enquiry made by the Political Agent regarding the two guns of the *sarkar* and anxiety expressed by him over matters relating to the revolt of the army of Mehidpur, Nimach and Delhi.	Original.
„	61	22 *Shawwal* 1273 (15 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	The Political Agent advised the writer to be more careful about the administration of the State.	Do.
„	63	24 *Shawwal* 1273 (17 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	News about disruption of dak system by the insurgents and sabotage of telegraph wire connecting Agra with Indore, and about the breach made in the city wall of Delhi by the English Army.	Do.
„	65	Do.	Do.	Do.	Posting of two persons at Bhilsa and Shahjahanpur for collecting news about the adjoining areas, and the Political Agent's anxiety over non-receipt of news from Agra and Delhi.	Do.
„	67	25 *Shawwal* 1273 (18 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	*Kharita* from Col. Durand transmitted to the Begam and information about the rebellion of Mehidpur Contingent.	Do.
„	69	26 *Shawwal* 1273 (19 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	Translation of a letter from Col. Durand and information about migration of some merchants of Sehore to Bhopal for fear of dacoity and loot by the insurgents.	Do.
„	71	27 *Shawwal* 1273 (20 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	The English Army effected a breach in the city wall of Delhi, and Bahadur Shah sought protection of the British Government.	Do.
„	73	28 *Shawwal* 1273 (21 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	Conversation with Adjutant Bayley and Col. Trevors.	Do.

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"	75	29 *Shawwal* 1273 (22 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	Information about the breakdown of postal services at Calcutta and Agra, peaceful conditions at Mhow, Indore, Mehidpur, Nimach and Nasirabad, disruption of telegraph service between Gwalior and Agra, and outbreak of a riot at Nagpur.	Do.
"	77	30 *Shawwal* 1273 (23 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	The number of Britishers in India being small and the conflagration on the increase, the allies of the British are disheartened.	Do.
"	79	Do.	Do.	Do.	Information about the accommodation of two companies of the Army and two guns in the building of Raja Khushwaqt Rai at Sehore, the continued breakdown of postal services at Calcutta and Agra, and the departure of 200 English Cavalry for Indore.	Do.
"	81	6 *Zulqada* 1273 (29 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	Anxiety of the Political Agent to ascertain public opinion in Bhopal, Sehore, Gwalior and Indore, about the rebellion and the writer's reply to the Political Agent in that connection.	Do.
"	83	7 *Zulqada* 1273 (30 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	Gist of a letter from Col. Durand regarding 3,000 troops ordered to proceed from Madras to Allahabad and 15,000 British soldiers expected to arrive in India for putting down the rebellion.	Do.
"	85	13 *Zulqada* 1273 (6 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Information regarding the departure of Col. Durand along with European ladies from Sehore and the deputation of 30 *Sawars* under the command of a *Risaladar* for escorting them to Hoshangabad.	Do.
"	87	15 *Zulqada* 1273 (8 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Report regarding designs of Fazil Muhammad Khan and Wazirullah Khan to destroy Sehore after capturing the guns of the Bhopal Contingent.	Do.

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1	89	16 *Zulqada* 1273 (9 July 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Information about the rebellion of 300 soldiers of the Maharaja of Indore, their joining the rebels, looting the treasury and leaving for Delhi.	Original.
,,	91	Do.	Do.	Do.	Rumour about the arrival of the Indore Army near Ashta proved false; Contingent officers to be posted for watch and ward of residential places of the Britishers in case they leave Sehore.	Do.
,,	93	Do.	Do.	Do.	Loyalty of Maharaja Sindhia to the British, revolt of the Gwalior Contingent against foreign rule and the departure of the Punjab Army for putting down the rebellion at Delhi.	Do.
,,	95	19 *Zulqada* 1273 (12 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	News about the coming of 25 armed persons from Bundelkhand to Sheikhpura.	Do.
,,	97	24 *Zulqada* 1273 (17 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Rumour about Fazil Muhammad Khan's determination to kill the Commander and the Deputy Commander of the Bhopal Army.	Do.
,,	99	27 *Zulqada* 1273 (20 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	No State *vakil* from Gwalior has left or is likely to leave for Delhi before the fall of the latter and that the people of Gwalior are at present co-operating with the British.	Do.
,,	101	3 *Zulhijja* 1273 (25 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	News of a conflict between the Maharaja of Narsinghgarh and his 400 employees over the question of emoluments.	Do.

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„	105	8 *Zulhijja* 1273 (30 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Rebellion of the Indore Army at Mhow Cantonment, arrest of Munshi Jan Ali Khan, loyalty of *Subadar* Sheo Lal and dismissal of sepoy Ram Prasad.	Do.
„	107	Do.	Do.	Do.	Col. Durand arrived at Indore with 4,000 soldiers.	Do.
„	109	9 *Zulhijja* 1273 (31 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Loyalty of the Raja of Rewah to the British Government.	Do.
„	111	12 *Zulhijja* 1273 (3 August 1857)	Do.	Do.	Peaceful conditions at Gwalior and arrival of 500 British soldiers at Asirgarh to suppress the rebels.	Do.
„	113	13 *Zulhijja* 1273 (4 August 1857)	Do.	Do.	News about hoisting of Muhammadi flag at Piplianagar at the instigation of Makhdum Bakhsh Pindari.	Do.
„	115	Do.	Do.	Do.	News that Fazil Muhammad Khan and Adil Muhammad Khan have sent two persons to Bhopal to win over to their side the soldiers of the Bhopal Contingent.	Do.
„	117	Do.	Do.	Do.	150 soldiers, including some officers, conspired to kill Sheo Lal, Chandu Lal and Farzand Ali, plunder Sehore and proceed to Delhi.	Do.
„	119	14 *Zulhijja* 1273 (5 August 1857)	Do.	Do.	The Bhopal Contingent at Sehore revolted under the leadership of Wali Shah, *Risaladar*, and Mahavir, *Koth Havaldar*. Muhammadi and Mahaviri flags hoisted by the rebels.	Do.

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Despatch of a detachment of Bhopal Army to Sehore

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2	1	..	..	..	List of papers.	..
„	5	..	..	..	Note regarding certain letters detached from the file.	..
„	9	5 *Shawwal* 1273 (29 May 1857)	Umrao Ali, *Risaladar*	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Stating that after departing from the addressee the writer saw the Political Agent and joined the Company's Army with his troops.	Original with seal.
„	15	7 *Shawwal* 1273 (31 May 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Directions about report on the work of Umrao Ali, *Risaladar*, in consultation with the Political Agent.	Copy.
„	17	Do.	Do.	Umrao Ali, *Risaladar*	Advised to work honestly and efficiently.	Do.
„	21	Do.	Do.	Chandu Lal	Instructing to the addressee to get his building at Sehore vacated in order to accommodate the troops to be posted there, and promising that the rent of the building will be paid to him by the State.	Do.
„	23	9 *Shawwal* 1273 (2 June 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	The *parwanas* of 7 *Shawwal* 1273 (pp 15 & 17) regarding Umrao Ali shown to the Political Agent.	Original.
„	25	Do.	Do.	Do.	As the company and the *risala* stationed at Sehore left for Indore along with two cannons, the Political Agent wants one *risala*, two companies and two cannons to be sent to Sehore for protecting the Cantonment.	Summary of the petition.
„	27	10 *Shawwal* 1273 (3 June 1857)	Umrao Ali, *Risaladar*	Do.	Information that the troops of the Bhopal Army have left for Indore along with the Colonel and Adjutant of the British Army.	Original with seal.

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"	29	Do.	Murawwat Muhammad Khan, Acting* Commander of the Bhopal Army	Do.	Report of arrival at Sehore with cavalry, infantry and heavy artillery, and of the arrangements made for their accommodation.	Do. *Subsequently confirmed when the title, *Nusrat Jang*, was conferred on him in Nov. 1857.
"	31	Do.	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Do.	Report of the arrival of Murawwat Muhammad Khan with cavalry and infantry, who have been accommodated in the palace of the Raja Sahib.	Original.
"	33	Do.	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Amir Muhammad Khan, *Risaldar*, Nain Sukh and Pancham Singh, *Subadars*.	Advised to work honestly and efficiently in cooperation with the Political Agent and Col. Trevors.	Copy.
"	35	11 *Shawwal* 1273 (4 June 1857)	Do.	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Instructions to show to the Political Agent copies of *parwanas* issued to Muhammad Hasan Khan, Acting Deputy Commander of the Bhopal Army and Ghulam Husain Khan, 1st Adjutant.	Do.
"	37	Do.	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Gist of conversation with the Political Agent regarding the incidents of Mutiny at various places.	Original.
"	39	13 *Shawwal* 1273 (6 June 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Do.	Gist of conversation between the Political Agent and Muhammad Hasan Khan, and Ghulam Husain Khan.	Do.
"	41	14 *Shawwal* 1273 (7 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Reasons for not confirming Murawwat Muhammad Khan and Muhammad Hasan Khan so far, to be explained to the Political Agent.	Copy.
"	43	Do.	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	The Political Agent has been acquainted with the contents of the *parwanas* issued to Muhammad Hasan Khan and Ghulam Husain Khan and the same have been approved by him.	Original.

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2	45	16 *Shawwal* 1273 (9 June 1857)	Amir Muhammad Khan, *Risaladar*	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Report regarding the writer's arrival at Sehore and taking over charge as also about the arrangements made by him for posting guards there.	Original with seal.
,,	47	21 *Shawwal* 1273 (14 June 1857)	Muhammad Hasan Khan and Ghulam Husain Khan	Do.	The stock of ammunition etc., which arrived at Sehore with the Acting Commander of the Bhopal Army, has been kept at the residence of the Political Agent and will be distributed to the Army as and when needed.	Original.
,,	49	22 *Shawwal* 1273 (15 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Order to acquaint the Political Agent with the contents of the *paruana* issued to Murawwat Muhammad Khan.	Copy.
,,	51	23 *Shawwal* 1273 (16 June 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Report regarding repairs to and cleaning of the palace of the Raja Sahib for accommodating the troops of Bhopal Army there.	Original.
,,	53	Do.	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Order to ascertain the Political Agent's views regarding the procedure of transfer of troops from Sehore to Bhopal and *vice versa*.	Copy.
,,	55	25 *Shawwal* 1273 (18 June 1857)	Muhammad Hasan Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Report regarding inspection by the Political Agent of the troops stationed at Sehore as well as about requirements of the army at Sehore, and rumours about rebellion in the army at Mehidpur.	Original.
,,	57	Do.	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Do.	Contents of the *parwana* addressed to Murawwat Muhammad Khan on the subject of inspection of the army at Sehore communicated to the Political Agent.	Do.
,,	59	28 *Shawwal* 1273 (21 June 1857)	Muhammad Hasan Khan	Do.	Report regarding vacation of quarters for accommodating Umrao Ali, *Risaladar*.	Do.

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,,	61	6 *Zulqada* 1273 (29 June 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Do.	Report regarding repairs to the palace of Raja Sahib for accommodating the army posted at Sehore.	Do.
,,	63	8 *Zulqada* 1273 (1 July 1857)	Muhammad Hasan Khan	Do.	Report regarding inspection of the Bhopal Contingent by Adjutant Bayley and appreciation of the services of the *risala* of Amir Muhammad Khan, *Risaladar*.	Do.
,,	65	10 *Zulqada* 1273 (3 July 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Officers of the Bhopal Army	Appreciation of the services rendered by the addressees at Sehore.	Copy.
,,	67	19 *Zulqada* 1273 (12 July 1857)	Do.	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Places where Muhammad Hasan Khan, and the personnel of cavalry and artillery should accommodate themselves at Sehore.	Do.
,,	69	3 *Zulhijja* 1273 (25 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	29 horsemen belonging to the *risala* of Rup Singh despatched for serving under the addressee who is advised to send the horsemen of *risalas* of Umrao Ali and Amir Muhammad Khan to Bhopal.	Do.
,,	71	Do.	Do.	Do.	Remittance of Rs. 1,500 for disbursement as salary to the army and instructions to send Pancham Singh and Nain Sukh, *Subadars*, along with their companies.	Do.
,,	73	5 *Zulhijja* 1273 (27 July 1857)	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Acknowledgment of the foregoing *parwana* with information that the companies will be sent back in a few days.	Original.
,,	75	Do.	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	To send back to Bhopal two cannons out of the articles of the magazine along with the companies of Pancham Singh and Nain Sukh.	Copy.
,,	77	9 *Zulhijja* 1273 (31 July 1857)	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Two companies of the army along with two cannons sent to Bhopal as ordered.	Original.
,,	79	20 *Zulhijja* 1273 (11 August 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	The addressee is asked to send to Bhopal the boxes containing gunpowder, under the supervision of one or two guards.	Copy.

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2	81	22 *Muharram* 1274 (12 September 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	The addressee is asked to supply gun-powder from the magazine at Sehore, if required by the *risala* etc. sent to serve under him.	Copy.
„	83	4 *Safar* 1274 (23 September 1857)	Do.	Do.	Asking for the names of infantrymen and cavalrymen of the Bhopal Army stationed at Sehore who are proposed to be sent back to Bhopal.	Do.
„	85	5 *Ramazan* 1275 (9 April 1859)	Chain Rai on behalf of Murawwat Muhammad Khan *Nusrat Jang*	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Acknowledgment of the *parwana* dated 3 *Ramazan* 1275 (7 April 1859) and copies of the state *vakil's* petitions dated 9 and 11 *Shawwal* 1273 (2 and 4 June, 1857), forwarded for perusal.	Original with seal.

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Appointment of Commanders of the army for administration of Tehsil Deori and suppression of the rebels there

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3	1	..	..	..	List of papers.	..
"	3	12 *Muharram* 1274 (1 September 1857)	Majid Muhammad Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Request for 12 days leave.	Original. The application is wrongly dated 12 *Muharram* 1273 (12 September 1856).
"	5	19 *Jumadas-sani* 1274 (4 February 1858)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Umrao Muhammad Khan	Umrao Muhammad Khan ordered to relieve Hashim Muhammad Khan of his duties at Deori.	Copy.
"	7	10 *Rajab* 1274 (25 February 1858)	Hashim Muhammad Khan, Commander at Deori	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Report regarding handing over charge to Umrao Muhammad Khan at Deori.	Original, bearing seal of Hashim Muhammad Khan. Slightly worm-eaten.
"	9	11 *Rajab* 1274 (26 February 1858)	Umrao Muhammad Khan	Do.	Report regarding taking over charge from Hashim Muhammad Khan as Commander of the troops at Deori.	Original.

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Loans taken by the Ruler of Bhopal from the Sardars *of the State for meeting expenses during the Mutiny*

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4	1	..	..	..	List of papers.	..
,,	3	7 *Shawwal* 1273 (31 May 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Nawab Shah Jahan Begam	Advising to take loan from local *sahukars*, if necessary, to pay off the troops.	
,,	5	Do.	Do.	Nawab Baqi Muhammad Khan	Do.	Do.
,,	7	9 *Shawwal* 1273 (2 June 1857)	Nawab Baqi Muhammad Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Inability to offer money or to obtain loan.	Original with seal.
,,	9	14 *Zulqada* 1273 (7 July 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Nawab Baqi Muhammad Khan	Advised to keep local *sahukars* ready for advancing loan in case of emergency.	Copy.
,,	11	3 *Zulhijja* 1273 (25 July 1857)	Do.	Nawab Qudsia Begam	To arrange for loan from local merchants at the rate of interst of 1%.	Do.
,,	13	Do.	Do.	Nawab Muizz Muhammad Khan	Do.	Do.
,,	15	Do.	Do.	Faujdar Muhammad Khan	Do.	Do.
,,	17	Do.	Do.	Dulhan Sahiba (widow of Hakim Shahzad Masih)	Do.	Do.
,,	19	5 *Zulhijja* 1273 (27 July 1857)	Nawab Qudsia Begam	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Acknowledgment of letter dated 3 *Zulhijja* 1273 (p. 11) and assurance of her co-operation.	Original.

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,,	21	25 *Muharram* 1274 (15 September 1857)	Dulhan Sahiba (widow of Hakim Shahzad Masih)	Do.	John D'Silva's petition dated 19 *Muharram* 1274 (9 September 1857) informing that he has arranged a loan of Rs 1,935 from local merchants, forwarded to the Begam.	Originals, with seals of the widow of Hakim Shahzad Masih and Hakim John D'Silva.
,,	25	7 *Safar* 1274 (26 September 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Nawab Qudsia Begam	Refuting charge of superfluous expenditure levelled by the addressee and repeating the request for arranging loan.	Copy.
,,	27	13 *Safar* 1274 (2 October 1857)	Nawab Qudsia Begam	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Acknowledgment of the foregoing letter, and advice to be careful in spending money.	Original.

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Circulation of Governor-General's notification, and enquiry about seditious pamphlets issued by the insurgents of Delhi, brought to Bhopal by Maulavi Abdul Qayyum

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5	1	..	..	..	List of papers.	..
„	5	..	..	..	Note explaining detachment of some papers from the file.	
„	7	7 *Shawwal* 1273 (31 May 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Circulation of notification issued by the Governor-General among the officers of the State forces assuring of non-interference in religious matters.	Copy.
„	9	Do.	Ram Din, Personal Assistant to the State *vakil*	Nawab Sikandar Begam	An account of cantonment affairs and of the conversation with the Political Agent regarding the notification published in the *Calcutta Gazette* of 19 May 1857, on the subject of Government's policy of non-interference in religious matters.	Original.
„	13	..	..	..	Copy of notification dated Tuesday, 19 May 1857 (in Urdu) mentioned above.	Enclosure to the foregoing.
„	17	9 *Shawwal* 1273 (2 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Instructions to circulate the notification issued by the Governor-General among the army officials.	Copy..

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"	19	Do.	Do.	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Instructions issued to Murawwat Muhammad Khan to circulate the notification (published in the *Culcutta Gazette* dated 19 May 1857).	Do.
"	21	10 *Shawwal* 1273 (3 June 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Information given by the Political Agent that one Maulavi Abdul Qayyum has brought with him 500 copies of a pamphlet intended to incite Hindus and Muslims.	Do.
"	23	11 *Shawwal* 1273 (4 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	The Political Agent approved of the action taken by the Begam relating to the distribution of copies of the notification issued by the British Government, among the sepoys with a view to removing their impression that the Government intended to interfere in their religious affairs.	Original.
"	25	Do.	Do.	Do.	The Political Agent anxiously awaits the Begam's reply to his letter regarding the seditious pamphlet.	Do.
"	27	Do.	Nawab Sikandar Begam	All Army Officers	Instructions to take no notice of the pamphlet distributed by Maulavi Abdul Qayyum with the object of spreading hatred against the British Government, enclosing a copy of the *Calcutta Gazette* dated 19 May 1857 for information.	Copy.
"	33	Do.	Maulavi Sadud-Din *Muhtamim, Adalat-i-Faujdari*	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Copy of the pamphlet mentioned in letter dated 10 *Shawwal* 1273 above and stating that on investigation it is found that Maulavi Abdul Qayyum is not responsible for bringing 500 copies of it to Bhopal.	Copy with the enclosure in Urdu.

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5	37	11 *Shawwal* 1273 (4 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Muhammad Riza Husain, Acting Prime Minister, Bhopal State	Order to get 205 copies of a notification printed at the Sikandari Press denying the distribution of any pamphlet by Maulavi Abdul Qayyum.	Copy.
„	39	12 *Shawwal* 1273 (5 June 1857)	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Information that one of the *Jamadars* found the pamphlet supposed to have been distributed by Maulavi Abdul Qayyum, and tore it to pieces.	Summary of petition.
„	41	13 *Shawwal* 1273 (6 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Information that it was not Maulavi Abdul Qayyum who brought the seditious pamphlet to Bhopal.	Copy.
„	43	Do.	Do.	Do.	Directions to obtain the Political Agent's permission to publish a notification, addressed to the army officials, concerning the one published in the *Calcutta Gazette*.	Do.
„	45	14 *Shawwal* 1273 (7 June 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Suggestion of the Political Agent for making certain additions to the *parwana* to be addressed to the three Collectors of the State dsitricts.	Original..
„	47	Do.	Do.	Do.	The Political Agent's approval of the notification to be issued to the army personnel concerning the one published in the *Calcutta Gazette*.	Do.

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,,	49	Do.	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Muhammad Riza Husain	Advised to summon Abdul Qayyum, *Darogha* of Fort Fatehgarh, and to ask him why he did not inform about receiving a pamphlet from Cawnpore regarding interference of the British Government in the religious affairs of the Indians.	Copy.
,,	51	Do.	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Enquiry to be made from Abdul Wahid, Manager, Sikandari Press (Bhopal) about the source of the pamphlet regarding interference of the British Government in religious affairs of the Indians.	Summary of petition.
,,	53	15 *Shawwal* 1273 (8 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	The *parwana* addressed to all the heads of departments and collectors of the State districts asking them to send her any paper or pamphlet they come across regarding the interference of the British Government in the religious affairs of the Indians, forwarded for Political Agent's information.	Copy.
,,	57	Do.	Do.	Collectors of Eastern, Western and Southern Districts (of the State)	Asked to send any paper or pamphlet they come across regarding the interference of the British Government in the religious affairs of Indians.	Do.
,,	59	Do.	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Copy of the pamphlet in question given to the Political Agent.	Original.
,,	61	Do.	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Do.	Pieces of the seditious pamphlet sent through Sheo Lal, *Subadar*, as desired by the addressee.	Do.
,,	63	16 *Shawwal* 1273 (9 June 1857)	Muhammad Riza Husain	Do.	Statement dated 15 *Shawwal* 1273 (9 June 1857) of Abdul Qayyum, *Darogha* of Fort Fatehgarh, denying receipt of any pamphlet from Cawnpore.	Original.

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5	67	16 *Shawwal* 1273 (9 June 1857)	Muhammad Riza Husin	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Statement dated 15 *Shawwal* 1273 (9 June 1857) of Abdul Wahid, Manager, Sikandari Press, admitting receipt of the pamphlet from unknown persons and statement dated 5 *Shawwal* 1273 (29 May 1857) of Ghulam Askari, *vakil* of Nawab Shah Jahan Begam.	Original
„	75	18 *Shawwal* 1273 (11 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	Printed copies of the notification along with the original draft mentioned in the Begam's letter dated 11 *Shawwal* 1273, as also two lists of army officers for perusal.	Original but unsigned.
,	83	20 *Shawwal* 1273 (13 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Muhammad Riza Husain	To inquire from Maulavi Abdul Fattah as to wherefrom he got the pamphlet.	Copy.
„	85	21 *Shawwal* 1273 (14 June 1857)	Do.	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Copy of the *parwana* dated 20 *Shawwal* 1273 (13 June 1857) to Muhammad Riza Husain forwarded for transmission to the Political Agent with instructions to communicate to her the Political Agent's comments thereon, if any.	Do.
„	87	22 *Shawwal* 1273 (15 June 1857)	Muhammad Riza Husain	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Statement of Maulavi Abdul Fattah to the effect that he did not know who sent a copy of the pamphlet to him.	Original with seal.
„	93	23 *Shawwal* 1273 (16 June 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Do.	Political Agent's approval of the Begam's *parwana* dated 20 *Shawwal* 1273 addressed to the Acting Prime Minister of the State.	Do.

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,,	95	24 *Shawwal* 1273 (17 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Advised to issue orders to all the Army personnel to deal severely with those insurgents who after being defeated in other States come to Bhopal and try to disturb the peace and tranquillity of the State.	Copy.
,,	97	Do.	Do.	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Copy of the foregoing *parwana* forwarded for the Political Agent's perusal.	Do.
,,	99	Do.	Ram Din	Nawab Sikandar Begam	News about the plunder of the treasuries at Jhansi and Benares, as also about the enthronement of the brother of the Shah of Oudh, and a copy of the circular dated 29 May 1857 issued by the Governor-General in Council explaining that no fat was used during manufacture of cartridges and of the *parwana* addressed by the Political Agent to the *vakil* of Gwalior State advising him to ask administrative heads of the State to maintain peace and order in their districts.	Original with enclosures in Urdu.
,,	109	26 *Shawwal* 1273 (19 June 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Political Agent's approval of the *parwana* dated 24 *Shawwal* 1273 addressed to Murawwat Muhammad Khan.	Original.
,,	111	8 *Zulqada* 1273 (1 July 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	All Hindu officials of the State Army	Advised not to pay heed to Muslim officers if they say that the British Government is interfering in their religious affairs.	Copy of notification in Urdu.
,,	115	Do.	Do.	Muslim subjects of the Bhopal State	Advised to co-operate with her and to obey her orders implicitly.	Do.
,,	117	Do.	Do.	Hindu subjects of the Bhopal State	Advising the addressee not to join hands with the Muslim rebels.	Do.

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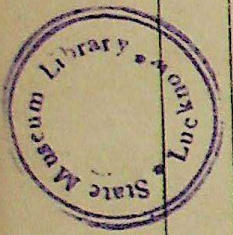

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5	123	16 *Zulqada* 1273 (9 July 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Muhammad Riza Husain	Notification concerning cartridges, to be printed at the Sikandari Press and distributed among the *jagirdars* of the State.	Copy without the enclosure.
„	127	23 *Zulqada* 1273 (16 July 1857)	Muhammad Riza Husain	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Information about the printing and distribution of the notification mentioned in the foregoirg *parwana* and returning the original draft of the notification.	Original with seals.
„	131	9 *Zulhijja* 1273 (1 August 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Do.	*Parwana*, dated 27th July 1857, addressed to him by the Political Agent permitting the addressee to publish for general information the circular issuedby the Governor-General, forwarded to the Begam.	Originals. The enclosure in Urdu bears seal of the Political Agent. Bhopal.

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„	3	18 *Shawwal* 1273 (11 June 1857)	Muhammad Masud Khan of Tonk	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Request for re-employment in Bhopal State.	Original with seal.
„	5	29 *Shawwal* 1273 (22 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Copy of the foregoing application of Muhammad Masud Khan forwarded for the Political Agent's comments thereon.	Copy.
„	7	2 *Zulqada* 1273 (25 June 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	The Political Agent's comments on the application of Muhammad Masud Khan.	Original.
„	9	23 *Rajab* 1274 (9 March 1858)	Do.	Do.	News of the arrest of the Nawab of Tonk and the transfer of the administration of Tonk to the Maharaja of Jaipur.	Do.
„	11	24 *Rajab* 1274 (10 March 1858)	Madan Mohan, *Naib Vakil*	Do.	Report regarding the concentration of rebels at Tonk under the leadership of Himmat Khan and the advance against them of British troops assisted by the Rana of Udaipur.	Do.

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,,	5	20 *Shawwal* 1273 (13 June 1857)	Mama Qahhar Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Information about the presence of the officer at Jawar Cantonment with a detachment of troops and assurance to do his best to serve the State.	Original with seal.
,,	7	22 *Zulqada* 1273 (15 July 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Ghulam Makhdum Khan (Collector of Western District)	Order to send Mama Qahhar Khan to Bhopal immediately.	Copy.
,,	9	28 *Zulqada* 1273 (21 July 1857)	Ghulam Makhdum Khan	Nawab Sikanar Begam	Information about Mama Qahhar Khan's letter dated 26 *Zulqada* 1273 (19 July 1857) addressed to Raghunath Rai, *Thanadar* of Jawar, expressing his inability to proceed to Bhopal immediately due to eye trouble.	Original with seal.
,,	13	Do.	Mama Qahhar Khan	Do.	Statement that the letter under his seal, sent to the Commander of the Army through the *Thanadar* of Jawar, was issued without his knowledge.	Do.
,,	15	4 *Zulhijja* 1273 (26 July 1857)	Ghulam Makhdum Khan	Do.	Information about Mama Qahhar Khan's letter dated 1 *Zulhijja* 1273 (23 July 1857) addressed to the writer regarding the loyalty of the detachment under him.	Do.
,,	19	11 *Jumadal-awwal* 1274 (29 December 1857).	Daulat Rai (Acting Collector of Eastern District)	Do.	Report regarding the disbursement of pay to the army stationed at Garhi Ambapani and Sewans.	Do.
,,	21	24 *Jumadal-awwal* 1274 (11 January 1858).	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Do.	Suggestion that Mama Qahhar Khan and the troops under him may be advised to accept their pay and that, in case they do not obey, they may be dismissed from service.	Copy.

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,,	23	26 *Jumadal-awwal* 1274 (13 January 1858)	Do.	Do.	Request regarding retention of Mama Qahhar Khan and the detachment of troops under him.	Do.
,,	25	11 *Jumadas-sani* 1274 (27 January 1858)	Simeon Bourbon, Physician	Do.	Rumour that Mama Qahhar Khan and the detachment of troops under him are scheming to abscond.	Original.
,,	27	2 *Rajab* 1274 (17 February 1858)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Chain Rai, Superintendent, Military Department	Order for a statement showing the period during which Mama Qahhar Khan and his troops were on active service after the issue of orders for their dismissal.	Copy.
,,	29	9 *Rajab* 1274 (24 February 1858)	Chain Rai	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Statement dated 8 *Rajab* 1274 (23 February 1858) submitted in compliance with the foregoing *parwana*.	Original.
,,	33	22 *Rajab* 1274 (8 March 1858)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Maulavi Muhammad Sadud-Din	Demand for a list of undischarged soldiers of the troops of Mama Qahhar Khan who was dismissed.	Copy.

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8	..	..	..	..	List of papers.	..
„	1 5	21 *Shawwal* 1273 (14 June 1857)	Fazl Ali, Acting Collector of Southern District	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Information about the situation at various places.	Original with seal.
„	7	24 *Shawwal* 1273 (17 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	Letter dated 23 *Shawwal* 1273 (16 June 1857) from Karam Ali Husain, *Thanadar* of Bari, with the statement of Rupa, regarding the conditions prevailing at Hoshangabad, forwarded for information.	Do.
„	13	3 *Zulqada* 1273 (26 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	Conditions at Hoshangabad, and news that the postal services at Agra have been disrupted by the insurgents and that the soldiers in Bengal have returned their guns to the Government because of animal fat having been used in cartridges.	Do.
„	15	6 *Zulqada* 1273 (29 June 1857)	Do.	Do.	Information about peaceful conditions at Hoshangabad, suspension of postal services everywhere in India except at Calcutta, and arrival at Calcutta of a British regiment with 12 guns.	Do.
„	17	9 *Zulqada* 1273 (2 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	News regarding the British victory at Delhi and entry into Berar of the Arab Army of the Nizam of Hyderabad.	Original.
„	19	13 *Zulqada* 1273 (6 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	The Deputy Commissioner of Hoshangabad has prohibited crossing of the Narbada river by strangers, that Maharaja Sindhia is staying at Harda, and that the Deputy Commissioner has left for that place.	Original with seal.

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,,	21	17 *Zulqada* 1273 (10 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	News relating to Hoshangabad and Maharaja Sindhia.	Do.
,,	23	20 *Zulqada* 1273 (13 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Information about the rumours current at Hoshangabad that 12,000 soldiers from Hyderabad will go to Delhi via Hoshangabad with presents for the Mughal Emperor, and that crossing of the Narbada river has been strictly forbidden.	Do.
,,	25	23 *Zulqada* 1273 (16 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Information about the suspension of crossing the Narbada river, Britishers taking shelter in the fort of Suhagpore and employment of labourers for digging trenches around the residential quarters of the Britishers at Hoshangabad.	Do.
,,	27	25 *Zulqada* 1273 (18 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Intimation about permission given by the Britishers to labourers and known persons to cross the Narbada; promise of the 'King of France' to send 50 platoons to India to help the British Government in quelling the rebellion.	Do.
,,	29	27 *Zulqada* 1273 (20 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Intention of the Resident at Indore to leave for Asirgarh and news of the arrival of the British Army at Asirgarh from Aurangabad.	Original with seal.
,,	31	29 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (17 November 1857)	Chalkan Singh	Do.	Letters from Hoshangabad are sent to their addressees after the whole dak is censored.	Original.

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9	1	24 *Shawwal* 1273 (17 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Draft *parwana* containing advice to the army officers to refrain from taking part in the Mutiny, for the Political Agent's approval.	Copy.
,,	5	14 *Zulqada* 1273 (7 July 1957)	Do.	Do.	Instructions to take adequate steps for the safety of the treasury, magazine, office and residential bungalows of the British officers in case the latter leave Sehore (for Hoshangabad).	Do.
,	7	Do.	Do.	Do.	Instructions to the addressee to send Rahim Khan, *Risaladar*, to Bhopal for consultation.	Do.
,,	9	15 *Zulqada* 1273 (8 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	The soldiers and officers of the army required by the Political Agent to accompany him to Hoshangabad should be allowed to go with him.	Do.
,,	11	Do.	Do.	Do.	Purport of her talk with Rahim Khan, *Risaldar* to be conveyed to the Political Agent.	Do.
,,	13	19 *Zulqada* 1273 (12 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Copy of the notification for circulation among the officers of the Bhopal Contingent advising them to carry out whatever orders Col. Trevors gives them and to send their petitions to her through Murawwat Muhammad Khan.	Do.
,,	17	20 *Zulqada* 1273 (13 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Order for a list of the Contingent personnel with whom the British officers were not pleased.	Do.
,,	19	22 *Zulqada* 1273 (15 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Instructions to send army officers to her for personal advice.	Do.
,	21	27 *Zulqada* 1273 (20 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Intention of the Afghan inhabitants of Bhopal to join hands with the rebels and the Begam's desire to requisition the services of the Contingent till the situation in Bhopal becomes normal.	Copy. The *parwana* is in Urdu.

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,,	23	15 August 1857	Political Agent, Bhopal	Do.	Suggestion that Nawab Sikandar Begam should advise the Sikh officers and soldiers of the Bhopal Contingent to remain aloof from the rebels. viz., Wali Shah, *Risaladar* and Ramjoo Lal, *Subadar*.	Copy. The document is in Urdu.
,,	25	25 *Muharram* 1274 (15 September 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Order to depute a company of the Bhopal Army with bullocks to Bhopal in order to carry the money for payment of salary of the Contingent.	Copy.
,,	27	5 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (24 October 1857)	Do.	Officers of the Bhopal Contingent	Acknowledgment of their petition dated 17 October 1857*, and assurance that Hakim John (D' Silva) who has been ordered to go to Sehore will reach the hospital there within a day or two.	Do. *1858 in the document is a clerical error.
,,	33	6 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (25 October 1857)	Do.	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Order for the return of all the Sikh cavalrymen to Bhopal as they are wanted by the Agent to the Governor-General, Indore.	Copy.
,,	35	Do.	Do.	Kaul Singh, *Risaladar* Bhopal Contingent	Order to leave for Mhow Cantonment with all the Sikh soldiers at Sehore and to report to the Agent to the Governor-General.	Do.
,,	37	Do.	Do.	Sikandar Khan, 2nd Adjutant	Instructions to the addressee to command the army in consultation with the *Risaladar* Major, *Subadar* Major, and *Risaladar*, in the manner suggested by her for maintaining peace at Sehore.	Do.
,,	39	7 (*Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (26 October 1857)	Do.	Diwan Dilsukh Rai, Acting *Kamdar*, *Deorhi Khas*	Information about mischievous activities of Mahavir, *Koth Havaldar*, and instructions for his arrest.	Do.
,,	41	17 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (5 November 1857)	Do.	Sikandar Khan	Enquiry about particulars of Saifullah Khan, an insurgent, and instructions to report the circumstances leading to expulsion of anybody from Sehore in future.	Do.

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9	43	22 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (10 November 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Sikandar Khan	Acknowledgment of his petition dated 13 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (1 Nov. 1857) and order to explain why two cavalrymen were deputed to Cawnpore.	Copy.
„	45	24 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (12 November 1857)	Do.	Do.	Instructions that the army at Sehore be kept ready to chase insurgents, no stranger be allowed to enter Army Headquarters, and that the travellers coming to Sehore be searched.	Do.
„	47	4 *Rabius-sani* 1274 (22 November 1857)	Do.	Murawwat Muhammed Khan, *Nusrat Jang*, Commander of the Bhopal Army	Requisition for a list of army officers who rendered meritorious services during the battle of Garhi Ambapani and could therefore be considered for promotion to the posts vacated by absconding or wounded officers.	Do.
„	49	28 *Jumadal-awwal* 1274 (15 January 1858)	Do.	Ghulam Murtaza Khan, *Kamdar, Deorhi Khas*	Instructions about giving wide publicity to the *parwana* of the Political Agent dated 13 January 1858 addressed to Munshi Bhawani Prasad for the arrest of 40 or 45 persons of the Contingent, who absconded from the camp.	Original with seal of the State. The document is bilingual—Persian and Urdu.

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,,	3	24 *Shawwal* 1273 (17 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Nawab Baqi Muhammad Khan	Instructions to decide army cases during the absence of Murawwat Muhammad Khan.	Copy.
,,	5	13 *Zulqada* 1273 (6 July 1857)	Nawab Baqi Muhammad Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begum	Acknowledgment of the foregoing letter.	Original with seal.
,,	7	4 *Zulhijja* 1273 (26 July 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Nawab Baqi Muhammad Khan	Instructions to decide army cases in consultation with her, while civil and criminal cases of Sehore Cantonment will be decided by her in consultation with Faujdar Muhammad Khan.	Copy.
,,	9	12 *Zulhijja* 1273 (3 August 1857)	Nawab Baqi Muhammad Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Despatch of eight petitions of Murawwat Muhammad Khan with orders thereon for approval.	Original with seal.
,,	11	13 *Zulhijja* 1273 (4 August 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Nawab Baqi Muhammad Khan	Acknowledgment of the foregoing letter and intimation that orders on some petitions will be passed after personal discussion with the addressee.	Copy.
,,	13	15 *Zulhijja* 1273 (6 August 1857)	Nawab Baqi Muhammad Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Acknowledgment of the Begam's letter dated 4 *Zulhijja* 1273.	Original with seal.

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Posting of Mirza Imdad Ali Beg and Adil Beg at Ginnurgarh

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„	3	25 *Shawwal* 1273 (18 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Mirza Imdad Ali Beg	Order to stay in the old fort and maintain watch and ward in consultation with Koka Fateh Jang Khan, *Qiladar*.	Copy.
„	5	8 *Zulqada* 1273 (1 July 1857)	Mirza Imdad Ali Beg	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Disappearance of two sepoys from the fort and inadequacy of staff there.	Original.
„	7	16 *Zulqada* 1273 (9 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	News about the fort and report against a sentry found sleeping while on duty.	Do.
„	9	30 *Zulqada* 1273 (23 July 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Mirza Adil Beg	Same as given on page 3 of the file.	Copy.
„	11	13 *Zulhijja* 1273 (4 August 1857)	Mirza Adil Beg	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Report that all the detachments posted at the jail, except the Sikh detachment and two Police Guards, left the fort without leave, and about the action taken by him to meet the situation.	Do.
„	13	Do.	Do.	Do.	Report of inspection of Police Guard by the *Kotwal* and the arrival of ten soldiers and one *Havaldar* only out of the sepoys and officials sent by the addressee.	Original.
„	15	14 *Zulhijja* 1273 (5 August 1857)	Do.	Do.	Report about the conspiracy among the prisoners to run away from the jail.	Do.

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,,	5	26* *Shawwal* 1273 (19 June 1857)	Dulhan Sahiba, widow of Hakim Shahzad Masih	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Report about the panic prevailing in the business community of Ichhawar due to the activities of the insurgents there.	Original with seal. *6 *Shawwal* in the document seems to be a clerical error.
,,	7	10 *Shawwal* 1273 (3 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Maulavi Muhammad Sadud-Din	Information about the deputation of army for protecting Sehore, and advice for the local merchants to employ guards for their protection.	Copy.
,,	9	11 *Shawwal* 1273 (4 June 1857)	Do.	Nawab Qudsia Begam	Do.	Do.
,,	11	14 *Shawwal* 1273 (7 June 1857)	Nawab Qudsia Begam	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Acknowledgment of the foregoing.	Oiginal slightly mutilated.
,,	13	27 *Shawwal* 1273 (20 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Collectors of Eastern, Western and Southern Districts	Information about the delicate situation in the State due to the activities of the mutineers and advice for the merchants to employ guards for protecting their life and property.	Copy.
,,	15	28 *Shawwal* 1273 (21 June 1857)	Do.	Maulavi Muhammad Sadud-Din	In case any merchant does not employ guards on account of his parsimony the addressee should himself do so keeping in view the financial status of the merchant concerned.	Do.
,,	17	29 *Shawwal* 1273 (22 June 1857)	Do.	The Collectors and other officers	Do.	Do.
,,	19	2 *Zulqada* 1273 (25 June 1857)	Do.	Dulhan Sahiba	Acknowledgment of the petition dated 26 *Shawwal* 1273 and advice to be cautious about her ornaments and jewellery and to be prepared to reach Bhopal when summoned.	Do.

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12	21	21 *Zulhijja* 1273 (12 August 1857)	Maulavi Muhammad Sadud-Din	Nawab Sikandar Begam	List of the sepoys employed by the merchants for the protection of their life and property sent for information.	Original with seal.
,,	31	27 *Muharram* 1274 (17 September 1857)	Ghulam Makhdum Khan	Do.	Application of *sahukars* and shopkeepers of *Tahsil* Ashta, dated 24 *Muharram* 1274 (14 Sept. 1857), requesting permission to discharge sepoys employed by them, and the writer's advice to keep them in employment till the Mutiny is completely suppressed.	Do.
,,	37	10 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (29 October 1857).	Do.	Do.	Report about the refusal of the merchants of Ashta to remunerate the guards employed by them under the orders of the Government.	Original.
,,	39	2 *Rabius-sani** 1274 (20 November 1857)	Do.	Do.	Letter from Afzal Ali, Deputy Collector, with a list of sepoys informing about the dismissal of guards posted at police posts and stating that the merchants of Ashta have been advised to employ the dismissed sepoys in their shops, sent for perusal.	Do.. **Rabiul-awwal* in the document seems to be a clerical error.

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„	5	28 *Shawwal* 1273 (21 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Fazl Ali	Instructions regarding recruitment of sepoys during distrubances.	Copy.
„	7	28 *Zulqada* 1273 (20 July 1857)	Do.	Inayat Husain, Acting Collector, Southern District	Requisition for muster roll of the newly recruited sepoys.	Do.
„	9	2 *Zulhijja* 1273 (24 July 1857)	Do.	Fazl Ali	Orders about retrenchment of the new recruits at specified places with effect from 1 *Muharram* 1274 (22 August 1857).	Do.
„	11	24 *Zulhijja* 1273 (15 August 1857)	Inayat Husain	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Request for orders on the demand made by the new recruits of *Thana* Chhipaner for regular payment of their salaries.	Original.
„	13	27 *Zulhijja* 1273 (18 August 1857)	Madhu Kishan, *Tahsildar* of Udepura	Do.	Exposition of the prevailing conditions in view of orders dated 28 *Shawwal* and 2 *Zulhijja* 1273 regarding recruitment and retrenchment of sepoys and suggestions about their retentions.	Do.
„	15	28 *Zulhijja* 1273 (19 August 1857)	Chhidu Lal, *Thanadar* of Udepura	Do.	Do.	Do.
„	17	4 *Muharram* 1274 (25 August 1857)	Inayat Husain	Do.	Report regarding retrenchment of 25 newly recruited soldiers and posting of the staff of *jagirdars* at Udepura and Chaukigarh.	Original with seal.

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13	19	21 *Muharram* 1265* *Fasli* (1 Oct. 1857)	Saiyid Mustafa, *Qiladar* of Chaukigarh	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Request for appointment of 10 artillerymen at Chaukigarh.	Summary of the petition. *1264 in the document seems to be a clerical error.
,,	21	22 *Safar* 1274 (11 October 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Inayat Husain	Requisition for detailed lists of soldiers along with the names of *tahsils* to which they are attached.	Copy.
,,	23	24 *Safar* 1274 (13 October 1857)	Inayat Husain	Nawab Sikandar Begam	List of soldiers posted at the Collectorate, Southern District, and the request for appointment of 25 soldiers at *Thana* Chaukigarh.	Original with seal.
,,	27	25 *Safar* 1274 (14 October 1857)	Do.	Do.	List of infantry and cavalry men in Southern District, and request for reinstatement of 25 retrenched sepoys.	Do.
,,	31	8 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (27 October 1857)	Do.	Do.	Request regarding fixation of pay of artillerymen and peons recruited for Chaukigarh.	Do.
,,	33	10 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (29 October 1857)	Do.	Do.	Doubt about the loyalty of the soldiers employed by *jagirdars* on meagre salaries.	Do.
,,	35	Do.	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Inayat Husain	Order about retrenchment of 25 soldiers in each *pargana* where they are in excess of the sanctioned strength, retaining efficient ones irrespective of their being permanent or temporary.	Copy.

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,,	3	28 *Shawwal* 1273 (21 June 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Intimation conveying the desire of the Political Agent to send the Bhopal Army to suppress insurgents in Bundelkhand.	Original.
,,	5	29 *Shawwal* 1273 (22 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Instructions for the addressee to inform the Political Agent that due to heavy expenditure involved it is not advisable to send the Bhopal Army to Bundelkhand and that, in case this is considered essential, recruitment will be made for the purpose.	Copy.
,,	7	2 *Zulqada* 1273 (25 June 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Nawab Sikandar Begam	In view of the expenditure involved the Political Agent does not wish any recruitment to be made for the purpose of suppressing the revolt in Bundelkhand.	Original.

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„	5	28 *Shawwal* 1273 (21 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Ghulam Makhdum Khan, Collector of Western District	Order to advise the *Thanadars* of Dillod, Debipura and Shamsgarh to recruit 25 sepoys each for the period of the Mutiny.	Copy.
„	7	2 *Zulqada* 1273 (25 June 1857)	Ghulam Makhdum Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Informing that the foregoing orders have been communicated to the *Thanadars* of Dillod, Debipura and Shamsgarh, and requesting for appointment of 25 sepoys each at Doraha and Sehore for the period of the disturbances.	Original with seal.
„	11	22 *Zulqada* 1273 (14 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Letter of Hulas Rai, *Munsarim* of *Thana* Sehore, requesting appointment of 25 sepoys at Sehore also in view of the tense situation there, forwarded for orders.	Do.
„	15	28 *Zulqada* 1273 (20 July 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Ghulam Makhdum Khan, Collector of Western District	Requisition for a list of sepoys recruited in excess of the sanctioned budget.	Copy.
„	17	2 *Zulhijja* 1273 (24 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Order about retrenchment of sepoys recruited in excess of the sanctioned budget for *Thana* Shamsgarh.	Do.
„	19	30 *Safar* 1274 (19 October 1857)	Ghulam Makhdum Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Enclosing the letter dated 27 *Safar* 1274 (16 October 1857) of Muhammad Ali, *Thanadar* of Jawar, regarding the panic caused by the arrival of the Thakur of Raghugarh with 300 sepoys and recommending despatch of detachments to Jawar for meeting the situation there.	Original with seal.

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"	23	1 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (20 October 1857)	Do.	Do.	Letter of Narain Sarup, *Tahsildar* of Jawar and the petition of merchants etc. enclosed therewith requesting for troops to meet the situation there, forwarded for orders.	Do.
"	29	9 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (28 October 1857)	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
"	33	10 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (29 October 1857)	Do.	Do.	Request for appointment of 20 sepoys more for the Collectorate.	Original.
"	35	Do.	Do.	Do.	Report about panic prevailing in the Western District due to the activities of insurgents and request for increase in the troops stationed there.	Do.
"	37	*22 Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (10 November 1857)	Do.	Do.	Consolidated list of sepoys in the Western District together with the lists and their covering letters received from the *Tahsildars* and *Thanadars* of Ashta, Sehore, Doraha, Dillod, Shamsgarh, Jawar and Debipura, sent as desired by the Begam.	Original.
"	129	Do.	Afzal Ali	Do.	The list of Government and private employees in the Western District was submitted to the Collector.	Do.
"	131	10 *Rabius-sani* 1274 (28 November 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Ghulam Makhdum Khan	Order regarding retrenchment of all the sepoys who were appointed in the Western District in excess of the sanctioned budget as also those temporary or permanent employees who were nefficient.	Copy.
"	133	6 *Jumadal-awwal* 1274 (23 December 1857)	Saiyid Abbas Ali, Acting *Thanadar* of Dillod	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Request for permission to retain the services of those employees who were in excess of the sanctioned budget.	Original.

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,,	9	28 *Shawwal* 1273 (21 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Daulat Rai	Order to instruct the *Thanadars* in the district to recruit 25 soldiers each for checking the undesirable activities of the mutineers.	Copy.
,,	11	9 *Zulqada* 1273 (1 July 1857)	Lala Daulat Rai	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Letter from Saiyid Imtiaz Ali, *Thanadar* of Sewans, describing the conditions prevailing at Saugor and Malthone, and informing about the recruitment of staff for suppressing the insurgents, sent for perusal.	Original with seal.
,,	15	28 *Zulcada* 1273 (20 July 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Daulat Rai	Requisition for the muster roll of the sepoys recruited in excess of the sanctioned strength.	Copy.
,,	17	2 *Zulhijja* 1273 (24 July 1857)	Daulat Rai	Nawab Sikandar Begam.	Muster roll sent in compliance with the foregoing *parwana*.	Original with seal.
,,	21	Do.	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Daulat Rai	Order to retrench the sepoys in excess of the sanctioned strength at Deori, Jethari, Silwani and Mahalpur with effect from 1 *Muharram* 1274 H. (22 August 1857).	Copy.
,	23	12 *Zulhijja* 1273 (3 August 1857)	Daulat Rai	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Request regarding permission to retain the services of sepoys at Silwani and Mahalpur in view of the shops of merchants at these places and also at Deori which is a border village.	Original with seal
,,	25	17 *Zulhijja* 1273 (8 August 1857)	Ganga Sahai, *Thanadar* of Mahalpur	Do.	With reference to orders from the Collectorate to retrench 25 newly recruited soldiers, the *Thanadar* seeks permission to retain their services till complete peace is restored.	Original.

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„	27	20 *Zulhijja* 1273 (11 August 1857)	Daulat Rai	Do.	Request for permission to appoint young and energetic soldiers in place of old and inefficient ones.	Copy.
„	29	23 *Zulhijja 1273* (14 August 1857)	Do.	Do.	Report regarding the arrival of Sarfaraz Khan and 15 soldiers sent by the Raja of Chunetia and their refusal to accept the pay given to them by the State.	Original with seal.
„	31	Do.	Do.	Do.	Majid Muhammad Khan's letter requesting for gunpowder and Muhammad Abdul Qadir's news-letter concerning Silwani, sent for perusal with the request for permission to retain in service the recently recruited sepoys in view of his fears lest they should join the rebel *jagirdars* of Garhi Ambapani.	Do.
„	37	25 *Zulhijja* 1273 (16 August 1857)	Muhammad Abdur Rahman, *Thanadar* of Garhi	Do.	Sepoys sent by the Raja of Chunetia did not reach the writer and entered the service of Fazil Muhammad Khan who was creating mischief. Further orders solicited regarding recruitment of sepoys.	Original.
„	39	1 *Muharram* 1274 (22 August 1857)	Daulat Rai	Do.	Letter from the *Thanadar* of Silwani describing the incident of loot and dacoity at Silwani due to the retrenchment of recently recruited sepoys sent for perusa with recommendation for reinstatement of the retrenched personnel.	Original with seal.
„	43	4 *Muharram* 1274 (25 August 1857)	Do.	Do.	Request for orders to retain those sepoys at Silwani and Deori whose services were to be terminated with effect from 1 *Muharram* 1274 (22 August 1857).	Do.

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"	3	5 *Zulqada* 1273 (27 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Khawaja Muhammad Akram	Order to send a daily report of situation in the city of Bhopal and other news.	Copy.
"	5	7 *Zulqada* 1273 (29 June 1857)	Khwaja Muhammad Akram	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Acknowledging the foregoing *parwana and* expressing inability to carry out the orders contained therein.	Original.
"	7	24 *Safar* 1274 (13 October 1857)	Do.	Do.	Offering services for a suitable post.	Do.

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18	1	..	..	..	List of papers.	..
„	7	5 *Zulqada* 1273 (27 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Hashim Muhammad Khan (Commander at Deori)	Order to leave for Chhipaner for the purpose of maintaining peace there and to send his daily report.	Copy. Slightly worm-eaten.
„	9	Do.	Do.	Fazl Ali	Informing about the deputation of Hashim Muhammad Khan to Chhipaner and directing the addressee to instruct the *Thanadar* of the place to co-operate with him.	Do.
„	11	14 *Zulqada* 1273 (6 July 1857)	Hashim Muhammad Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Joining report of the writer and a petition from the *Thanadar* of Chhipaner regarding inadequacy of staff.	Original with seal. Both the letters and enclosures are slightly worm-eaten.
„	21	15 *Zulqada* 1273 (7 July 1857)	Shaikh Muhammad Abdur Rahman, *Thanadar* of Chhipaner	Do.	Report about the arrest of two boatmen by the police at Harda in the British territory and their subsequent release and safe arrival at Chhipaner.	Original with seal. Slightly worm-eaten.
„	23	17 *Zulqada* 1273 (9 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	News of loot and dacoity in the British area and the rumour that an army of insurgents is plotting to loot and disturb the peace of Chhipaner and its environs.	Do.
„	27	20 *Zulqada* 1273 (12 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Welfare report about Chhipaner.	Do.
„	29	21 *Zulqada* 1273 (13 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.

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18	31	22 *Zulqada* 1273 (14 July 1857)	Fazl Ali	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Suggestion to post 15 sepoys at *Thana* Chhipaner out of the 25 promised by the Rani of Sandeo.	Original with seal. Slightly worm-eaten.
„	33	23 *Zulqada* 1273 (15 July 1857)	Shaikh Muhammad Abdur Rahman	Do.	Welfare report about Chhipaner.	Do.
„	35	24 *Zulqada* 1273 (16 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Welfare report about Chhipaner informing the addressee about panic among the business community at Gopalpur and Chhipaner due to rumour regarding the arrival of 2,000 mutineers at Satwas, a village of Nemawar District in Indore.	Do.
„	37	25 *Zulqada* 1273 (17 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Welfare report about Chhipaner and a letter in Hindi with its Urdu translation, alleged to have been pasted by insurgents on a house in Dholpur village.	Do.
„	43	26 *Zulqada* 1273 (18 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Report on Chhipaner and information about movements of the Holkar's army in the neighbouring villages in the jurisdiction of the English.	Do.
„	45	28 *Zulqada* 1273 (20 July 1857)	Muhammad Ghulam Rasul Khan	Do.	Information about the sound of guns heard by the writer and his sepoys from south-west (Hoshangabad) and of a skirmish at Harda between the armies of Indore and the English.	Original. Slightly worm-eaten.
„	47	2 *Zulhijja* 1273 (24 July 1857)	Hashim Muhammad Khan	Do.	Information about the conditions prevailing at Chhipaner and disturbances in the jurisdictions of Holkar and the English.	Original with seal. Slightly worm-eaten.

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,,	49	3 *Zulhijja* 1273 (25 July 1857)	Fazl Ali, Acting Collector of Southern District	Do.	Letter of Shaikh Abdur Rahman, *Thanadar* of Chhipanor, giving news about Harda, a village in the British territory, sent for perusal.	Do.
,,	53	1 *Safar* 1274 (21 September 1857)	Hashim Muhammad Khan	Do.	Request for orders to the *Tahsildar* of Chhipaner to disburse his pay from the *tahsil*.	Do.
,,	55	8 *Safar* 1274 (28 September 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Inayat Husain, Acting Collector of Southern District	Order to retrench all the 25 newly recruited sepoys.	Copy. Slightly worm-eaten.
,,	57	13 *Safar* 1274 (3 October 1857)	Ahmadullah Khan, *Thanadar* of Chhipaner	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Information about plunder of neighbouring villages of Kanta Borh by Meos (Mewatis).	Original. Slightly worm-eaten.
,,	59	14 *Safar* 1274 (4 October 1857)	Do.	Do.	News of loot at Satwas, a village of Indore State, by insurgents under chief of Raghugarh.	Do.
,,	61	Do.	Do.	Do.	Expressing his desire to serve as a cavalryman and requesting to be relieved of his duties as *Thanadar*.	Do.
,,	63	14 *Safar* 1274 (4 October 1857)	Hashim Muhammad Khan	Do.	Information about the arrival of insurgents led by chief of Raghugarh at Satwas and of the consequent migration of villagers from there to Gopalpur.	Do.
,,	65	16 *Safar* 1274 (6 October 1857)	Bijai Lal (Assistant *vakil* at Hoshangabad)	Do.	Information about the uprising of Meos in Satwas and about the despatch of two companies from Hoshangabad to quell the rebellion, and intimation about notification in the Gazette that whosoever arrests Nana Sahib Peshwa will be rewarded Rs 50,000.	Do.
,,	67	17 *Safar* 1274 (7 October 1857)	Ahmadullah Khan	Do.	Information about the hoisting of the royal flag at the fortress of Satwas by Raja Daulat Singh of Raghugarh and about his intention to invade Chhipaner, and request for army to cope with the situation.	Original. Worm-eaten.

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18	69	23 *Safar* 1274 (13 October 1857)	Ahmadullah Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Account of the situation prevailing round about Chhipaner and request for increasing the strength of the army in view of the danger of invasion by Raja Daulat Singh of Raghugarh, with applications in Hindi on the subject from the villagers.	Original with seal. Slightly worm-eaten.
„	77	26 *Safar* 1274 (16 October 1857)	Do.	Do.	Information about the arrival of Nathay Singh and Khuman Singh, *jagirdars* of Nemawar, at Chhipaner on account of the warrant issued by the British Government for their arrest.	Original. Slightly worm-eaten.
„	79	Do.	Do.	Do.	Information about increase in the incidents of dacoities in adjoining villages and eagerness of the writer to suppress the culprits.	Do.
„	81	27 *Safar* 1274 (17 October 1857)	Do.	Do.	News of the capture of Nemawar by Pandit Baba Sahib and his party, hoisting of the flag of Maharaja Sindhia there and subsequent arrest of Baba Sahib by the Britishers and his execution.	Do.
„	83	29 *Safar* 1274 (19 October 1857)	Saiyid Muhammad Ali (Acting Commander at Chhipaner)	Do.	Report of arrival at Chhipaner in place of Hashim Muhammad Khan, expressing anxiety over the insufficiency of police and military force, and requesting that adequate force be deputed for maintaining peace in the area.	Do.
„	85	30 *Safar* 1274 (20 October 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Do.	Letter from the *Thanadar* of Chhipaner, addressed to the Personal Assistant to the State *vakil*, sent for perusal with the report that the Political Agent returned that letter after hearing its contents.	Do.

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"	89	15 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (3 November 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Munshi Inayat Husain, Collector of Southern District	Informing about the defeat of the Raja of Raghugarh and his flight towards Shujalpur, and directing the addressee to return the detachment sent to Chhipaner for suppressing the insurgents.	Copy. Slightly worm-eaten.
"	91	19 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (7 November 1857)	Inayat Husain	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Report that the detachment posted at Chhipaner, if returned as ordered in the foregoing *parwana* of 15 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274, the Commander will have to look after his relevant duties with the help of only 16 sepoys at his disposal.	Original. Slightly worm-eaten.
"	93	20 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (8 November 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Ahmadullah Khan	Order to return the detachment sent to Chhipaner, as the disturbances at Satwas and Nemawar have been brought under control by the British officers.	Do.
"	95	25 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (13 November 1857)	Saiyid Muhammad Ali	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Report of his arrival at Chhipaner in place of Hashim Muhammad Khan adding that dacoits have been arrested and disturbances suppressed though the strength of sepoys at his disposal is very insufficient.	Do.
"	97	2 *Rabius-sani* 1274 (20 November 1857)	Do.	Do.	Report regarding the return of the detachment in compliance with the addressee's orders.	Do.
"	99	4 *Rabius-sani* 1274 (22 November 1857)	Ahmadullah Khan	Do.	Report about the return of the detachment to Bhopal on 1 *Rabius-sani* 1274 (19 November 1857).	Do.
"	101	Do.	Saiyid Muhammad Ali	Do.	Report regarding the arrival of the Deputy Commissioner of Survey at Chhipaner from Hoshangabad by boat, and of the queries made by him from the *Tahsildar* and the *Thanadar* about the total number of villages in *Tahsil* Chhipaner.	Do.
"	103	12 *Rabius-sani* 1274 (30 November 1857)	Ahmadullah Khan	Do.	News of the coming of British Army from Harda to Hoshangabad and report about his own departure to the banks of the Narbada in pursuit of insurgents.	Do.

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18	105	13 *Jumadal-awwal* 1274 (30 December 1857)	Saiyid Muhammad Ali	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Maulavi Muhammad Mazhar Jamil, Deputy Magistrate, Bhaironda, is staying at Harda and holdi g powers of Joint Magistrate.	Original. Slightly worm-eaten.
„	107	14 *Jumadal-awwal* 1274 (31 December 1857)	Do.	Do.	Information about the dacoities in the two villages of Nemawar committed by insurgents and statement that the *Thanadar* and the writer would arrest them as soon as traced.	Do.
„	109	29 *Jumadal-awwal* 1274 (15 January 1858)	Ahmadullah Khan	Do.	Arrangements for supply of provisions etc. to the British army going through Chhipaner from Holkar's territory to Hoshangabad.	Do.
„	111	30 *Jumadal-awwal* 1274. (16 January 1858)	Inayat Husain	Do.	Informing about the arrest of Sawai Khan and his brothers who were participating with the insurgents at Satwas under Raja Daulat Singh.	Original with seal. Slightly worm-eaten.
„	113	5 *Jumadas-sani* 1274 (21 January 1858)	Saiyid Inayat Ali, *Thanadar* of Bhaironda	Do.	Informing that the British Army which according to a letter from Maulavi Muhammad Mazhar Jamil, was to pass through Bhaironda on its way to Hoshangabad, reached its destination by some other route.	Do.
„	115	15 *Jumadas-sani* 1274 (31 January 1858)	Inayat Husain, Collector of Southern District	Do.	Arrest at Chhipaner of one of the culprits who had created disturbances in neighbouring villages in the territories of the English, Sindhia and Holkar.	Do.
„	117	23 *Jumadas-sani* 1274 (8 February 1858)	Saiyid Muhammad Ali, Commander of the Bhopal Army at Chhipaner	Do.	Same as of page 111 of the file.	Original.

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„	119	4 *Rajab* 1274 (18 February 1858)	Ahmaduliah Khan	Do.	Complaint about the non-co-operation of the *Thanadar* of Ichhawar in the matter of arrest of dacoits and insurgents taking shelter in that area.	Original. Slightly worm-eaten.
„	121	24 *Rajab* 1274 (10 March 1858)	Saiyid Muhammad Ali	Do.	Acknowledgment of the orders of the *Bakhshigiri* Department asking him to hand over charge to Majid Muhammad Khan and then to proceed to Bhopal.	Original.
„	123	29 *Rajab* 1274 (15 March 1858)	Chain Rai for Murawwat Muhammad Khan *Nusrat Jang*	Do.	Majid Muhammad Khan's letter expressing inability to proceed to Chhipaner immediately in order to relieve Saiyid Muhammad Ali, sent for orders.	Original.
„	127	17 *Ramazan* 1274 (1 May 1858)	Saiyid Muhammad Ali	Do.	Copy of the letter from Maulavi Muhammad Mazhar Jamil, asking the writer to attend his court along with Pandit Sukha Ram in connection with the case filed against Sawai Khan and other Meos, forwarded for information adding that he is accordingly leaving for Harda.	Original. The enclosure is in Urdu.

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Sabit Muhammad Khan deputed to Raisen for suppressing the insurgents and arranging for the safety of the public

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„	5	5 *Zulqada* 1273 (27 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Sabit Muhammad Khan (*jagirdar*)	Order to go to Raisen and to work there in co-operation with Diwan Daulat Rai, Acting Collector, Khan Zaman Khan, *Qiladar* and the *Thanadar* for suppressing the insurgents and maintaining peace there.	Copy.
„	7	12 *Zulqada* 1273 (4 July 1857)	Sabit Muhammad Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Reporting arrival at Raisen, forwarding a sketch of police posts there and assuring that the writer will begin his work soon and submit daily report thereof.	Original.
,	11	23 *Zulqada* 1273 (15 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Report about establishment of police posts in different localities at Raisen.	Do.
„	13	Do.	Do.	Do.	Report about the situation at Raisen.	Do.
„	15	7 *Zulhijja* 1273 (29 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Report about the rumours of disturbances prevailing in adjoining areas, and the statement that every possible measure for safety of public has been adopted.	Do.
„	17	23 *Zulhijja* 1273 (14 August 1857)	Ghulam Muhammad Khan (*Risaladar*)	Do.	Report of arrival at Raisen and information about the efficient administration of police posts by Sabit Muhammad Khan.	Do.
„	19	17 *Muharram* 1274 (7 September 1857)	Sabit Muhammad Khan	Do.	Attendance Register, Order Book, etc. sent for perusal.	Do.

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"	63	18 *Muharram* 1274 (8 September 1857)	Do.	Do.	Lists showing names of *jagirdars* etc. who posted their men at Raisen, and complaint of the merchants at Raisen concerning remuneration payable to the police guards posted at their shops.	Do.
"	75	17 *Safar* 1274 (7 October 1857)	Daulat Rai	Do.	Information about illness of Sabit Muhammad Khan and lack of proper treatment at Raisen on account of which he left for Bhopal.	Original with seal.
"	77	..	Sabit Muhammad Khan	Do.	Report of arrival at Bhopal on 19 *Safar* 1274 from Raisen for treatment.	Original undated but written between 19 and 23 *Safar* 1274.
"	79	6 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (25 October 1857)	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Do.	Retention of Khan Zaman Khan, arrest of some prisoners and dispatch of troops of Fazil Muhammad Khan to Raisen.	Original.
"	81	9 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (28 October 1857)	Bansi Dhar, *Thanadar* of Raisen	Do.	Report regarding the strength of the soldiers posted at various posts at Raisen and lists of police posts and the sepoys posted there with request for permission to appoint 25 sepoys more.	Original with seal.
"	87	10 *Rabius-sani* 1274 (28 November 1857)	Daulat Rai, Acting Collector of the Eastern District	Do.	Delivery of charge of the *Nizamat* building at Raisen to Khan Zaman Khan, *Qiladar*, and posting of guards at important places there.	Do.
"	89	7 *Jumadal-awwal* 1274 (24 December 1857)	Sabit Muhammad Khan	Do.	Informing that he is waiting for the receipt of *parwana* enjoining him to leave for Raisen.	The letter is unsigned.
"	91	9 *Jumadal-awwal* 1274 (26 December 1857)	Do.	Do.	On account of intensive activities of insurgents the writer did not avail of leave sanctioned to him in connection with his nephew's marriage.	Original.

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19	93	10 *Jumadal-awwal* 1274 (27 December 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Sabit Muhammad Khan	Instructions to the addressee that during the absence of Daulat Rai on tour and illness of Khan Zaman Khan he should proceed to Raisen and work in consultation with Khan Zaman Khan and his son for maintaining peace there.	Copy.
,,	95	22 *Jumadal-awwal* 1274 (8 January 1858)	Sabit Muhammad Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Report of arrival at Raisen and arrangements made for the safety of the place with a list showing allotment of duties to the various soldiers.	Original. The enclosure bears seal of Bansi Dhar, *Thanadar*.
,,	99	15 *Shawwal* 1274 (29 May 1858)	Do.	Do.	Requesting to be relieved of duties at Raisen as the activities of the mutineers have almost subsided.	Original.
,,	101	17 *Zulqada* 1274 (29 June 1858)	Do.	Do.	Report of arrival at Bhopal.	Do.

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,,	7	5 *Zulqada* 1273 (27 June 1857)	Koka Fateh Jang Khan, *Qiladar* Fort Fatehgarh	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Informing that he has been ordered by Murawwat Muhammad Khan to send two boxes full of gun-powder.	Copy.
,,	9	24 *Zulhijja* 1273 (15 August 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Koka Fateh Jang Khan	Order to hand over to the Army two boxes full of gun-powder and lead.	Do.
,,	11	27 *Zulhijja* 1273 (18 August 1857)	Koka Fateh Jang Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Report regarding compliance with the foregoing order.	Original with seal.
,,	13	26 *Muharram* 1274 (14 September 1857)	Yasin Khan, *Subadar*, Artillery, Bhopal	Do.	Informing of his readiness to leave for Sewans and furnishing a list of the articles required for the Artillery to be stationed there.	Original.
,,	15	1 *Safar* 1274 (21 September 1857)	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Do.	Informing that due to heavy rains the means of communication have been dislocated and as such he is unable to supply bullets, gun-powder and other articles of magazines.	Do.
,,	17	4 *Safar* 1274 (24 September 1857)	Koka Fateh Jang Khan	Do.	Report about compliance with the orders regarding handing over to Yasin Khan, *Subadar* of Artillery, the articles as per list enclosed.	Original with seal.
,,	21	19 *Safar* 1274 (9 October 1857)	Do.	Do.	Acknowledgment of the articles as per list enclosed, sent by Murawwat Muhammad Khan.	Do.
,,	25	1 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (20 October 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Do.	Acknowledgment of the orders to distribute the gun-shots sent from Fort Fatehgarh among the sepoys of the Artillery, informing that he has not yet received the shots in question.	Original.

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20	27	12 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (31 October 1857)	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	List of the articles of magazine sent to Garhi Ambapani in compliance with the orders of the Begam, sent for perusal.	Original with seal.
"	31	Do.	Kishan Ram, *Mutamidul-Mahamm*	Do.	Lists showing balance of articles of magazine.	Do.
"	37	13 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (1 November 1857)	Muhammad Husain, Bakhsh, Major Incharge of Uniforms and Dresses	Do.	Information about depositing in Fort Fatehgarh the articles of magazine as per list enclosed.	Do.
"	41	15 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (3 November 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Do.	Informing that 500 gun-shots were taken from Fort Fatehgarh but that 10 shots were found missing on recounting them.	Original.
"	43	16 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (4 November 1857)	Chain Rai for Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Do.	Informing that in compliance with the Begam's orders two cannons and other articles as per list enclosed were handed over to Mohan Singh and Kausar Ali Khan, *Jamadars*, for being sent to Berasia.	Original with seal.
"	47	19 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (7 November 1857)	Do.	Do.	Details of the articles of magazine sent to Garhi Ambapani.	Original.
"	49	20 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (8 November 1857)	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Do.	Information about depositing the articles of magazine as per list enclosed received through Umrao Muhammad Khan, in the custody of Sheo Dayal, Quarter-Master.	Do.
"	53	21 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (9 November 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Do.	Report that the discrepancy has been reconciled and that there is now no shortage in gun-shots as previously reported in his petition of 15 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274.	Do.

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,,	55	22 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (10 November 1857)	Najib Khan, *Darogha* of Magazine	Do.	Details of the articles handed over to the sepoys of the detachment led by Mama Qahhar Khan.	Original with seal.
,,	57	Do.	Do.	Do.	Details of tne articles sent to Garhi Ambapani	Do.
,,	59	Do.	Mahmud Khan	Do.	Informing that some of the articles of magazine to be sent to Garhi Ambapani, have not been sent.	Original.
,,	61	25 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (13 November 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Do.	Acknowledgment of gun-shots sent by Koka Fateh Jang Khan, informing about their distribution to the sepoys of the detachment headed by Hira Lal and Ganga Ram, *Jamadars*.	Do.
,,	63	2 *Rabius-sani* 1274 (20 November 1857)	Sikandar Khan, 2nd Adjutant	Do.	Details of the articles of magazine taken from the store of the Contingent and handed over to the companies headed by Jahangir and Nazar Husain.	Summary of the petition.
,,	65	3 *Rabius-sani* 1274 (21 November 1857)	Murawwat Muhammad Khan (*Nusrat Jang*. Commander of the Bhopal Army)	Do.	Acknowledgment of the articles of magazine sent by the *Bakhshigiri* Department through Wazir Khan, *Qiladar*.	Original.
,,	67	Do.	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Do.	List of the articles of magazine received from Fort Fatehgarh and handed over to Sikandar Khan, 2nd Adjutant, sent for perusal.	Do.
,,	71	7 *Rabius-sani* 1274 (25 November 1857)	Chain Rai	Do.	Details of the articles of magazine sent to Raisen	Original with seal.
,,	73	Do.	Do.	Do.	Information about despatching articles of magazine according to the request of Murawwat Muhammad Khan, saying that 146 packets of bullets could not be sent as they were not ready at that time.	Do.
,,	75	24 *Rabius-sani* 1274 (12 December 1857)	Sikandar Khan, 2nd Adjutant	Do.	Information about receiving lead and gunpowder from Koka Fateh Jang Khan.	Original.

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Instructions of the Ruler of Bhopal regarding appointment of Police Guards at the palaces

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„	3	6 *Zulqada* 1273 (28 June 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Nawab Shah Jahan Begam	Advice for increasing the number of guards at her *deorhi* for safety.	Copy.
„	5	8 *Zulqada* 1273 (30 June 1857)	Nawab Shah Jahan Begam	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Acknowledgment of the foregoing stating that there is sufficient number of guards at her palace.	Original with seal.
„	7	28 *Zulqada* 1273 (20 July 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Nawab Shah Jahan Begam	Instructions for the addressee to intimate the names of trustworthy persons among the cavalry and infantry of the Bhopal State forces so that they may be posted at her palace during the disturbances.	Copy.
„	9	Do.	Do.	Nawab Muizz Muhammad Khan	Of the same tenor as the foregoing.	Do.
„	11	Do.	Do.	Faujdar Muhammad Khan	Do.	Do.
„	13	Do.	Do.	Dulhan Sahiba	Do.	Do.
„	15	Do.	Do.	Nawab Baqi Muhammad Khan	Do.	Do.
„	17	2 *Zulhijja* 1273 (24 July 1857)	Nawab Baqi Muhammad Khan	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Reply to the foregoing saying that the Adjutants of the Bhopal Army may be asked to furnish the names of such men as are loyal.	Original with seal.

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"	19	6 *Zulhijja* 1273 (28 July 1857)	Faujdar Muhammad Khan	Do.	Acknowledgment of instructions contained in the Begam's letter of 28 *Zulqada* 1273, and request to depute persons who are trustworthy.	Do.
"	21	7 *Zulhijja* 1273 (29 July 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Murawwat Muhammad Khan	Order to send the detachment of Umrao Ali, *Risaladar*, and two companies of Bhopal State forces to Faujdar Muhammad Khan for the safety of his residence.	Copy.
"	23	12 *Zulhijja* 1273 (3 August 1857)	Dulhan Sahiba	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Acknowledgment of instructions contained in the letter of 28 *Zulqada* 1273 saying that she has no names to suggest.	Original with seal.
"	25	13 *Zulhijja* 1273 (4 August 1857)	Nawab Shah Jahan Begam	Do.	Reply to the letter of 28 *Zulqada* 1273, saying that there is no need for posting extra guards at her palace.	Do.
"	27	5 *Safar* 1274 (25 September 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Nawab Shah Jahan Begam	Acknowledgment of her foregoing letter trying to remove the misunderstanding created by her letter of 28 *Zulqada* 1273.	Copy.

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,,	3	8 *Zulqada* 1273 (30 June 1857)	Daulat Rai	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Letter from Khan Zaman Khan, *Qiladar*, Raisen, requesting appointment of torch-bearers at the old rate of three rupees per torch-bearer per mensem instead of one rupee, forwarded for orders.	Original with seal.
,,	7	3 *Muharram* 1274 (24 August 1857)	Khan Zaman Khan, *Qiladar*, Raisen	Do.	Request for sanction of pay to torch-bearers at the old rate of Rs 3 per month.	Do.
,,	9	3 *Safar* 1274 (23 September 1857)	Shaikh Ghulam Muhammad, *Qiladar*, Sewans	Do.	Of the same tenor as the foregoing.	Do.
,,	11	Do.	Do.	Do.	Request for fixation of pay of night watchman at three rupees per mensem.	Do.
,,	13	16 *Safar* 1274 (10 October 1857)	Saiyid Imtiaz Ali, *Thandar* of Sewans	Do.	Requesting that no cut in the salary of the torch-bearers may be effected and that they may be ordered to be paid at the rate of three rupees per mensem.	Original.
,,	15	13 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (1 November 1857)	Inayat Husain	Do.	Of the same tenor as the foregoing.	Original with seal.
,,	17	5 *Jumadas-sani* 1274 (21 January 1858)	Ghulam Muhammad Khan (*Risaladar*)	Do.	Information about dismissal of *harkaras* and retention of torch-bearers at Rahatgarh.	Original.

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"	3	9 *Zulqada* 1273 (1 July 1857)	Fazl Ali	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Letter from Lalita Prasad, *Tahsildar* of Bari, informing of the arrival at Bari of two *chaprasis* of the British Government from Hoshangabad to enquire if some horsemen have arrived near Chichli, forwarded for information.	Original. The enclosure is slightly worm- eaten.
"	7	22 *Zulhijja* 1273 (13 August 1857)	Bijai Lal	Do.	News heard by the Political Agent that 500 mutineers with two cannons were proceeding towards Chichli, and information that a man was deputed to find out the correct position.	Original. Slightly worm-eaten.
"	9	23 *Zulhijja* 1273 (14 August 1857)	Do.	Do.	Letter from Karam Ali Husain, *Thanadar* of Bari stating that the news about the arrival of 500 insurgents at Chichli is false, forwarded for information.	Do.
"	13	24 *Zulhijja* 1273 (15 August 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Nawab Qudsia Begam	News about assemblage of insurgents in the villages of her *deorhi* and enquiry about the correct state of affairs there.	Copy.
"	15	26 *Zulhijja* 1273 (17 August 1857)	Do.	Inayat Husain	Enquiry about the news regarding arrival of 500 insurgents at Chichli.	Copy.
"	17	Do.	Nawab Qudsia Begam	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Acknowledging the letter dated 24 *Zulhijja* 1273, says that she has no information about the assemblage of insurgents in the villages of her *deorhi*.	Original.
"	19	29 *Zulhijja* 1273 (20 August 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Nawab Qudsia Begam	Request for ascertaining the truth of the news regarding activities of insurgents at Bari so that the Political Agent may be informed of the situation there.	Copy.

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23	21	1 *Muharram* 1274 (22 August 1857)	Munshi Inayat Husain	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Reply to the letter dated 26 *Zulhijja* 1273 that the news regarding the assemblage of insurgents at Chichli is false.	Original with seal. Slightly worm-eaten.
	23	4 *Muharram* 1274 (25 August 1857)	Nawab Qudsia Begam	Do.	Acknowledging the letter dated 29 *Zulhijja* 1273, says that the information about the assemblage of insurgents at Bari is false.	Original.
,,	25	8 *Muharram* 1274 (29 August 1857)	Karam Ali Husain, *Thanadar* of Bari	Do.	In reply to the letter received from Bijai Lal regarding the activities of the insurgents at Bari, says that the information contained therein is not correct.	Do.

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Petitions from officers of Bhopal Contingent for maintenance allowance and complaint about sugar containing particles of bone

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24	1	12 *Zulqada* 1273 (4 July 1857)	Rahim Khan, Farzand Ali, Kaul Singh, *Risaladars*, and other officials of the Bhopal Contingent	Nawab Sikandar Begam.	Assurance of loyalty to the State in response to the Begam's *parwana* to Munshi Bhawani Prasad, regarding instructions for the army to refrain from participating in the Mutiny, and to serve the British faithfully.	Original with seals and signatures.
,,	3	14 *Zulqada* 1273 (6 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Assurance of loyalty, with the request that the Begam may appoint an officer of high rank so that her commands be carried out by the writers whole-heartedly.	Do. The petition is in Urdu.
,,	5	22 July 1857	Do.	Do.	Request that the entire stock of sugar brought to Sehore by a merchant and found to contain particles of bone may be ordered to be destroyed as its use is likely to create trouble.	Summary of the petition in Urdu with a copy of orders thereon.
,,	9	22 *Zulhijja* 1273 (14 August 1857)	..	..	Decision of Muhammad Riza Husain Khan, Acting Prime Minister, regarding the sugar alleged to contain particles of bone but found pure on examination, with recommendation that in order to avoid loss to the merchants of Sehore and possibility of a flare up the entire stock be purchased by the State.	Summary of the *rubkar* issued by the office of the Prime Minister with a copy of the orders of Nawab Sikandar Begam thereon.
,,	13	6 *Muharram* 1274 (27 August 1857)	Kaul Singh, Indar Singh and Jot Singh, officials of the Bhopal Contingent	Do.	Explaining their conduct and assuring the addressee of their loyalty to her and the Commander of the Army.	Urdu translation of the petition written in Gurmukhi script. Slightly worm-eaten.

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24	15	1 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (20 October 1857)	Daniyal Khan, *Jamadar*	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Pleading innocence, the writer requests reinstatement in his post.	Summary of the petition with a copy of the addressee's orders thereon.
„	17	28 October 1857	Indar Singh, *Jamadar* of the Bhopal Contingent	Do.	Request for being promoted because of his loyalty and the meritorius services rendered by him.	In Urdu. Original Slightly mutilated. Bears the writer's signature in Gurmukhi script.
„	19	31 October 1857	Dharam Singh, *Dafadar* of the Bhopal Contingent	Do.	Of the same tenor as the foregoing.	In Urdu. Original slightly mutilated.
„	21	6 November 1857	Kaul Singh, *Risaladar* of the Bhopal Contingent	Do.	Intimation about proceeding of all the Sikh soldiers with equipment from Sehore to Mhow on 7 November 1857, in accordance with the Begam's orders for serving under Col. Durand, Acting Agent to the Governor-General, Central India, with the request that families of the soldiers be looked after.	Original.
„	23	10 November 1857	Huzura Singh, *Jamadar* of the Bhopal Contingent	Do.	Being physically fit for service, requests that he may be given some job.	Original.
„	25	8 January 1858	Mother of Umrao Ali, *Risaladar* of the 4th *Risala*	Do.	Requests that her brother, Inayat Husain, *Jamadar*, who has been detained in jail by the British officers, may be released in view of his innocence.	Do.

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"	3	12 *Zulqada* 1273 (4 July 1857)	Daulat Rai	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Informing that the Rajas of Siarmau and Chunetia have not yet sent detachments to Sewans, Deori, Silwani and Garhi Ambapani as ordered by the Begam.	Original with seal.
"	5	20 *Zulqada* 1273 (12 July 1857)	Do.	Do.	Letter from the Raja of Siarmau stating that he is sending only 50 sepoys to Sewans instead of 150 as he requires the remaining sepoys for the purpose of repelling the insurgents at Siarmau, sent for perusal.	Do. The enclosure is in Hindi.
"	9	1 *Muharram* 1274 (22 August 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Mudhkar Shah, Raja of Siarmau	Order to send the remaining 100 sepoys to the Collector of Eastern District immediately.	Copy.
"	11	2 *Muharram* 1274 (23 August 1857)	Do.	Rao Randhir Singh of Nai Garhi, Raja Takht Singh of Chunetia and Raja Mudhkar Shah of Siarmau	Order to send their forces to the Collector of Eastern District without further delay.	Do.

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25	13	16 *Muharram* 1274 (6 September 1857)	Mudhkar Shah Raja of Siarmau	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Report regarding compliance with the orders contained in the *parwana* (dated 2 *Muharram* 1274).	Original with seal.
„	15	3 *Safar* 1274 (23 September 1857)	Ram Singh, *Chaudhri*	Do.	Information about the impending conflict between two rival groups of *jagirdars* and *zamindars* and request for making adequate arrangements to cope with the situation.	Urdu translation of the Hindi original.
„	17	4 *Safar* 1274 (24 September 1857)	Mudhkar Shah	Do.	Assurance of loyalty and co-operation.	Original with seal.
„	19	24 *Safar* 1274 (14 October 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Do.	*Parwana* in Urdu from the Political Agent desiring adoption of adequate measures for the suppression of revolt in Siarmau, sent for the Begam's perusal.	Do.
„	23	25 *Safar* 1274 (15 October 1857)	Daulat Rai	Do.	Enclosing two letters received from Deori Police Station regarding the joint conspiracy by the Rajas of Siarmau, Shahgarh and Banpur and saying that a letter (copy enclosed) has been sent to the Raja of Siarmau advising him to refrain from undesirable activities.	Copy. Letters of the Police Station are not available.

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"	27	29 *Safar* 1274 (19 October 1857)	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Rao Randhir Singh, Raja Takht Singh and Raja Mudhkar Shah	Sending news letters from the *Thanadar* of Deori advising the addressee to refrain from befriending the Rajas of Shahgarh and Banpur.	Copy. News-letters of the *Thana* are not available.
"	29	13 *Rabiul-awwal* 1265 *Fasli* (1 November 1857)	Daulat Rai	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Letter in original from the *Thanadar* of Sewans with the *muchalka* in Hindi executed by the Raja of Siarmau for the good conduct of his followers, sent to the Begam for perusal.	Original.

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Reports relating to the arrival of the rebel army from Delhi in the suburbs of Saugor

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,,	3	13 *Zulqada* 1273 (5 July 1857)	Fazl Ali	Nawab Sikandar Begam	Information about the arrival of a large army* (of rebels) from Delhi near Saugor.	Original with seal. *In the documents (pp 3-7 of the file) the army of rebels is mentioned as 'army from Delhi' 'Delhi army' and 'royal army'.
,,	5	4 *Zulhijja* 1273 (26 July 1857)	Daulat Rai	Do.	Enclosing a letter from Imtiaz Ali, *Thanadar* of Sewans, and saying that the *Thanadar* who was asked to furnish accurate information regarding the army from Delhi has contradicted the reports about its arrival in the vicinity of Saugor.	Do.
,,	9	25 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (13 November 1857)	Munshi Bhawani Prasad	Do.	News about the arrival of 10,000 British troops at Calcutta from England, and according to a letter from Dr. Thompson of the Bhopal Contingent stationed at Hoshangabad, one regiment consisting of 1000 men has reached Saugor from Madras and that there is also likelihood of the arrival of the 7th Battalion of the Madras Army at the same place after about 20 days.	Original.

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„	11	27 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (15 November 1857)	Munshi Prasad	Bhawani	Nawab Begam	Sikandar	Information about the return of 200 insurgents from Delhi to Mehidpur, the attack at Major Thompson's bungalow by Hira Singh, *Risaladar*, and the march of 2 platoons of the Nizam's Contingent towards Saugor for suppressing the insurgents.	Original.
„	13	30 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274 (18 November 1857)	Nawab Begam	Sikandar	Murawwat Muhammad Khan (*Nusrat Jang*, Commander of the Bhopal Army)		Information given by Munshi Bhawani Prasad in the foregoing letters of 25 and 27 *Rabiul-awwal* 1274.	Copy.

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